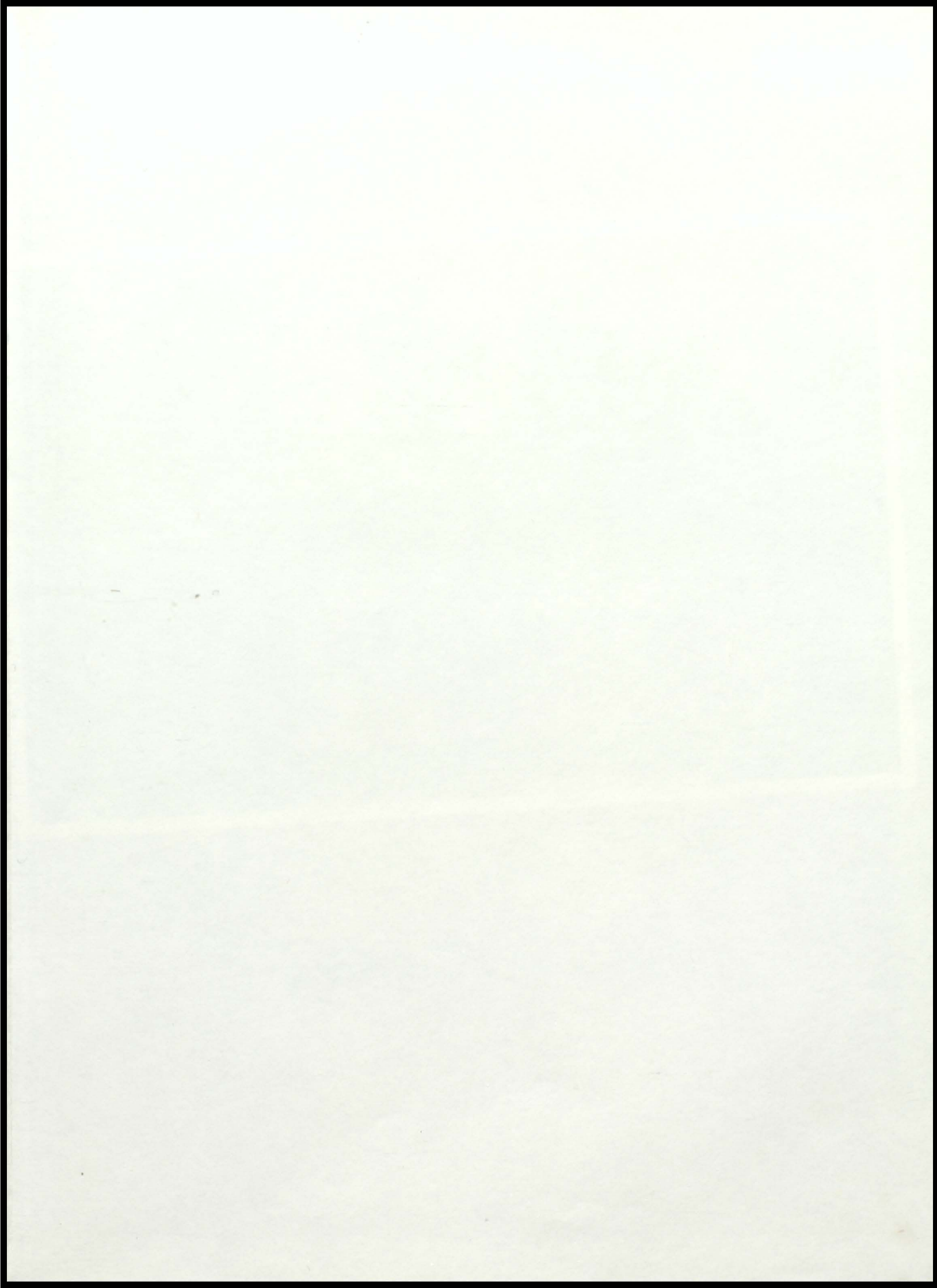


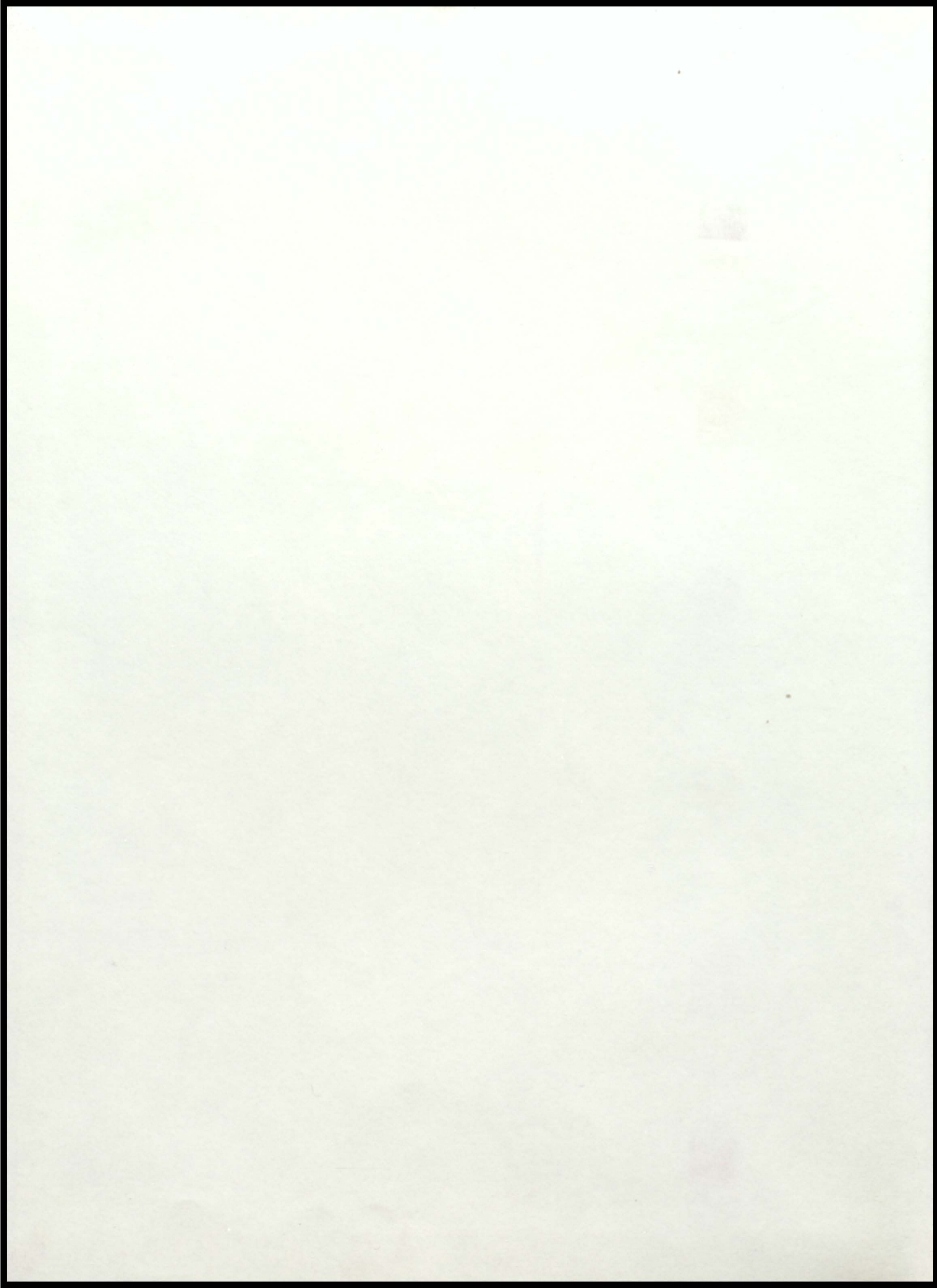


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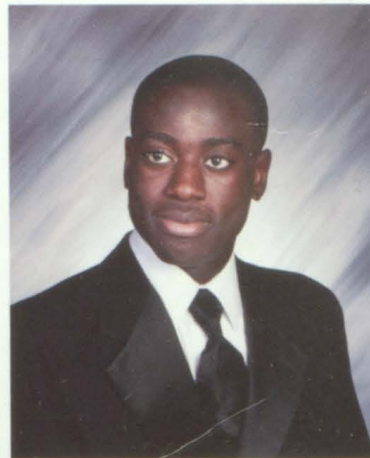
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Mushaheeda Abdul-Baasit



Alexander Akosah



Imani Allen



Franklin Almendarez



Rosa Alvarez



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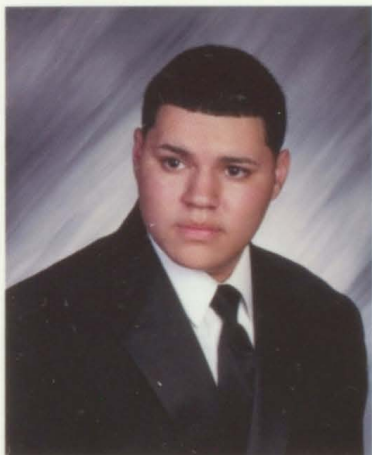
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Donte' Campbell



Samiyah Canada



Nichole Candellaria



Kristen Castel



Robin Castillo



Brianna Chambers



Tania Chicaiza



Chaveen Cochrane



Anisha Colclough



Shanice Cooper



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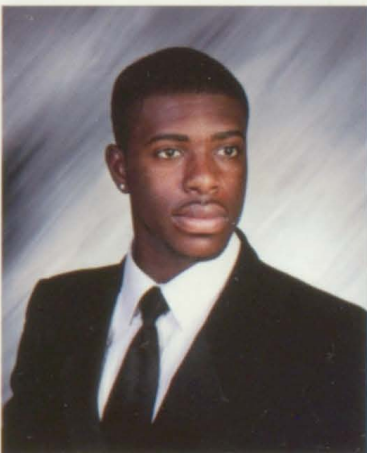
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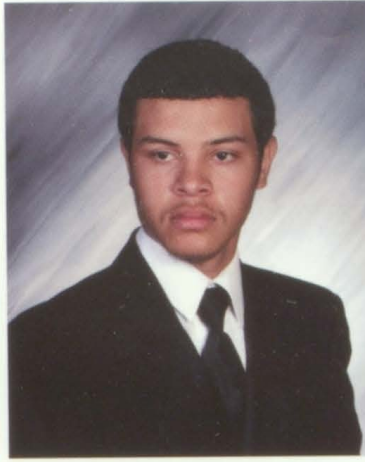
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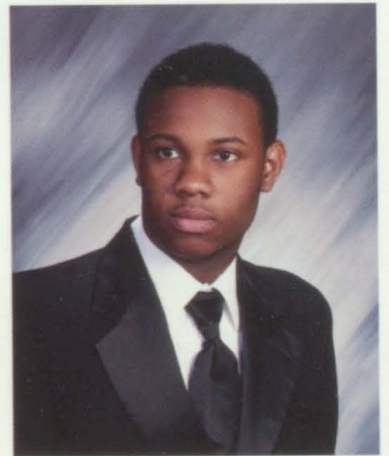
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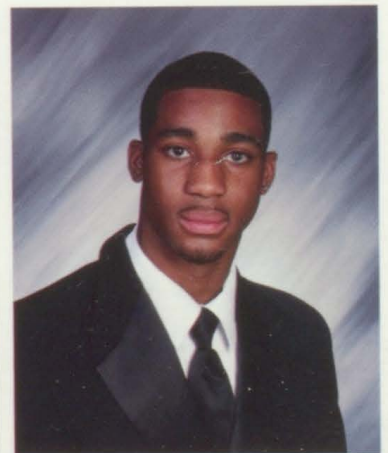
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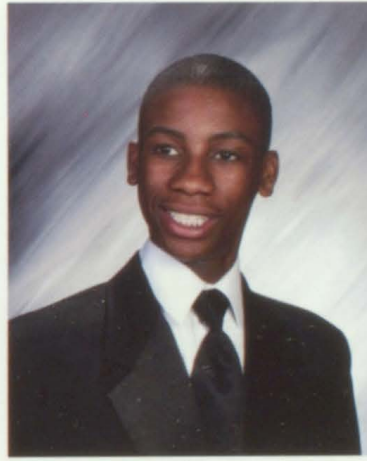
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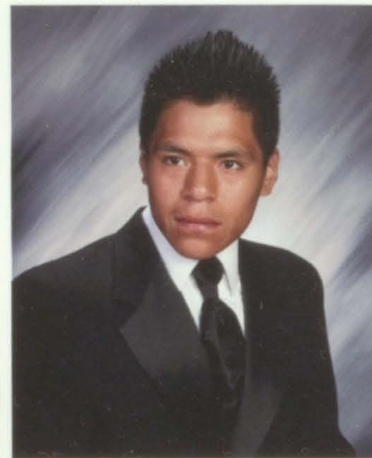
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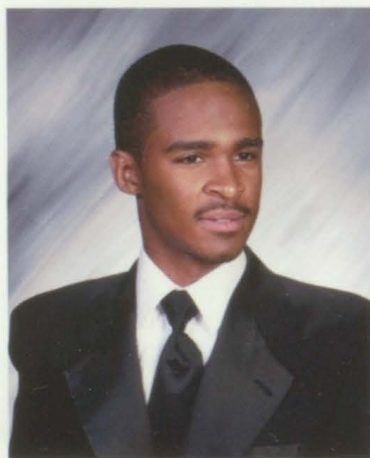
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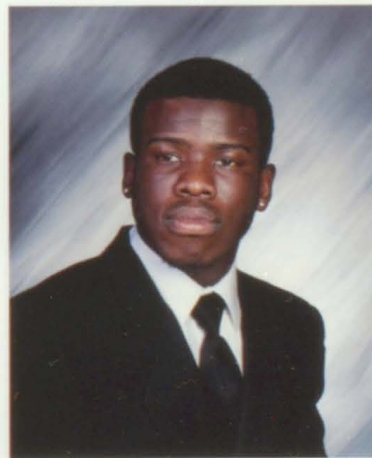
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Alex Muncha



Kayla Muniz



Rasheedah Muriel



Kevin Nieves



Santara Osborne



Niara Page



Derek Pan



Lourdes Parada



Danira Parham



Donnisha Parker



Madelyn Pena



Caffiea Pilgrim



Dexter Porter



Wilber Portillo



Beverly Prempeh



Lietz Ramos



Kiazsha Richardson



Eric Rivera



Jorge Rodas



Elizabeth Rodriguez



Jose Rodriguez



Rosa Rodriguez

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Sabratina Rojas



Joel Rosa



Jose Ruano



Jhon Sanango



Leslie Serrano



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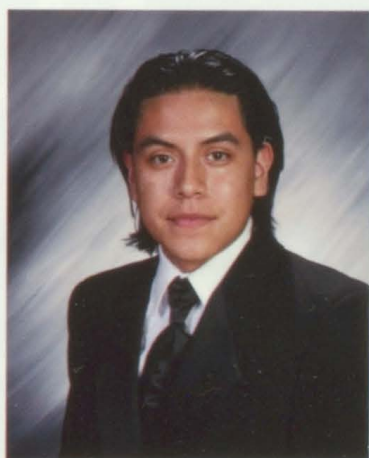
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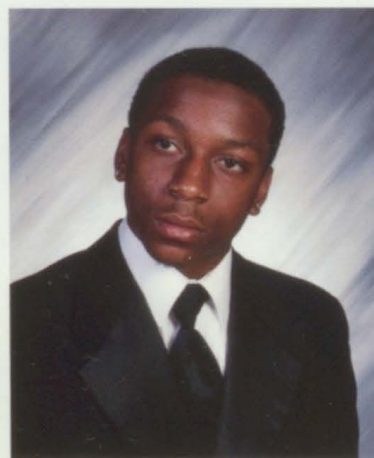
Asia Washington



Shakil Washington



Dori-Ann Wedderburn



Amir White



Shalon Woods



Abel Yekeh



We Are
#

Seniors



Mr. Oge Denis, Principal

Principal's Message

As our short time together draws to a close, I want to offer a few words of reflection. The last ten months have afforded me the opportunity to watch each of you cultivate your talents and abilities in preparation for the next phase of your life. I am confident that you are well prepared for the rigors of both college and work life. Be generous to society through sharing your gifts and realizing your dreams. To that end, I want to wish each of you limitless success in all future endeavors. And remember, life is what it is, so handle your business!

Thank you for a great first year as principal at Newark Tech!



Ms. Aiyisha Robinson, Vice-Principal

Newark Tech

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Senior Class Officers



Chontel, Sharon, Lyana, Nisa and Ivan



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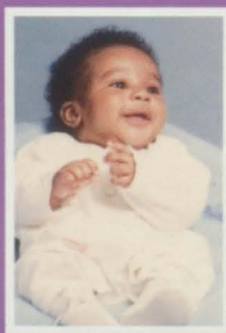
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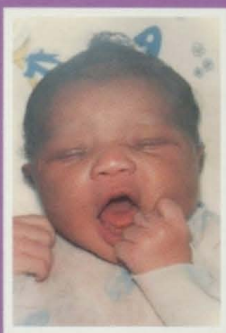
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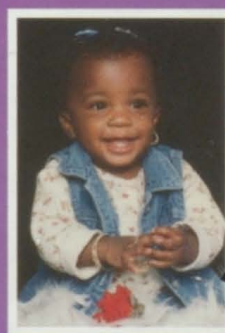
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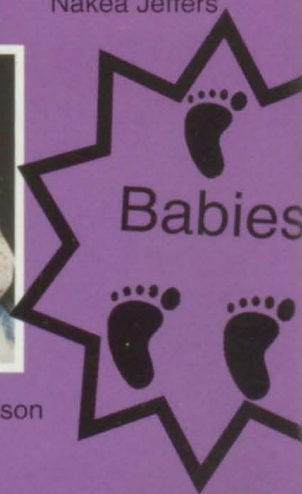
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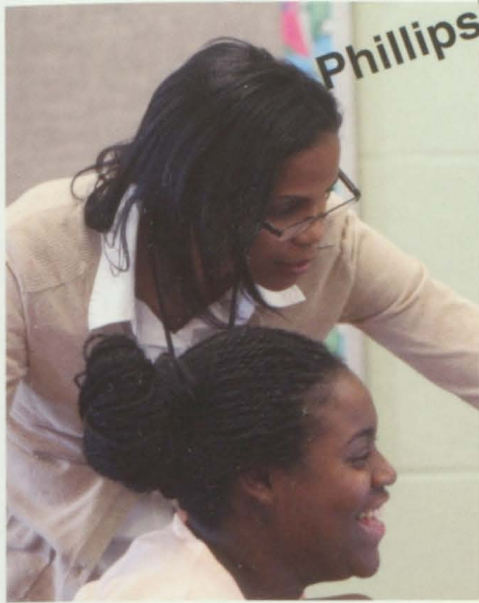
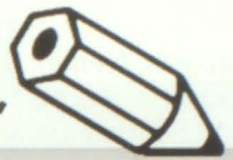
Joyce Appiah



Kiazsha Richardson



All Grown up and learning from...



Phillips!



Lomba!



Benton!



Kay!

Just a few of
the teachers
who took us
from diapers
to diplomas!



Cilento!

Samiyah, Iyanah, Nigira, Donnisha, Rocio, Taliah and Ladonna are about to audition for America's Next Top Model. Who will win?



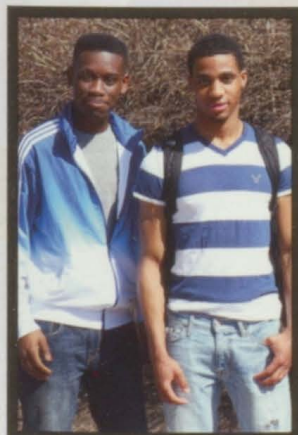
Friends are Forever!





*Friendship is a
single soul
dwelling in two
bodies.*

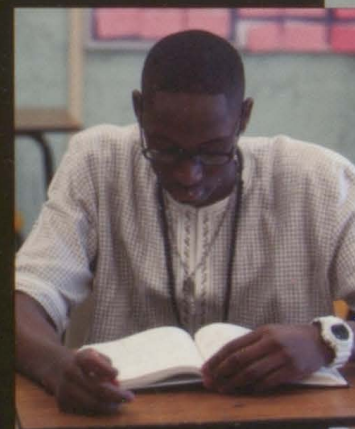
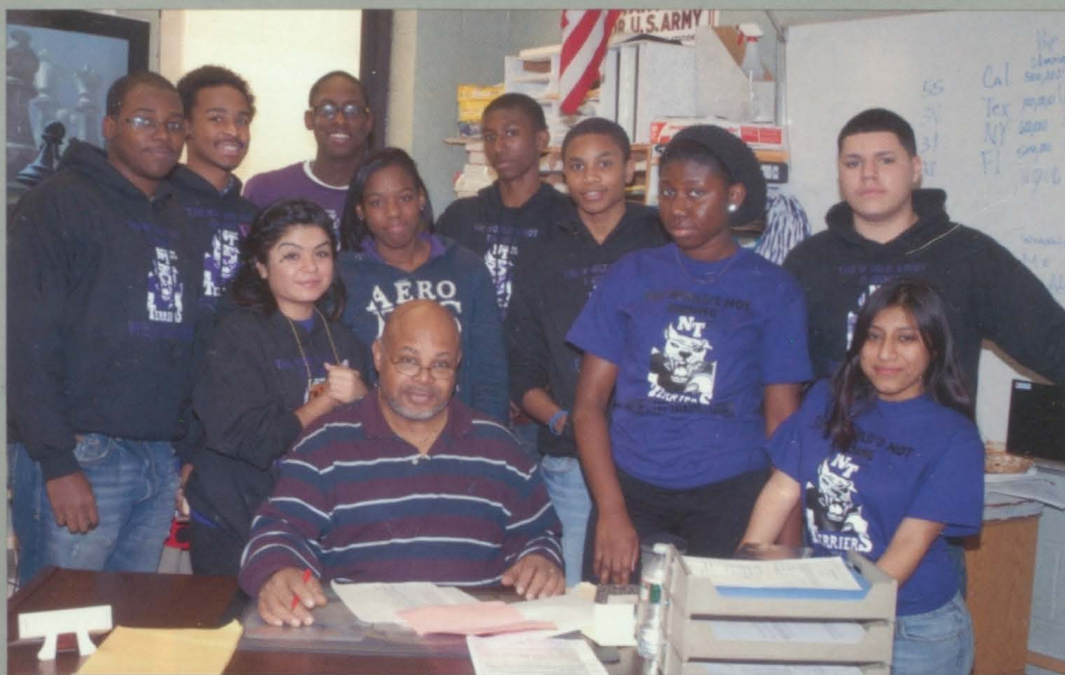
--Aristotle



All In a Day's W

Mr. Andrews leads
with his highly
captivated class.

Akua is stunned to find out
that there is school on
Monday's



To go to class or not
to go to class: That is
the question. Go to
class Tremayne!

RocioMushaheedaAlexanderImaniFranklinRosaSandraGiftyZemoraJoyce
mOrlandoCinthiaAliyahMeccaShakurDonaldWalterKianalyanahAlliyahAle
eSamiyahNicholeKristinRobinBriannaTaniaChaveenAnishaShaniceYasm
othyGeraldAllietteDavidChantallRashanElibethAkuaJosephDwayneNyck
inAlbaYolimarieKeylaAnneDevanteMariaAITahannSimirahMontizeSylves
aKadishaLauryJasmineCarlTanasiaAlexisAjaiJenifferNakeaTaliahDondra
mondBritneySharonCristianTheodoreIvanMariaNigiraNicholasGilsonNata
keenTremayneJamillahMaximoAkiaSaturnTamaraLadonnaOraneMariaW
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ijaQuianaQuaneeClaribelJonathanMarleneLuizpabloJaysonReynaldoYda
ishaAsiaShakilDoriAnnAmirShalonAbel=

One Close Senior Cl



ork

Santara and Rasheedah have an all important locker meeting.



eNisaFahee
herwinDont
QuiannaTim
inMarioKelv
EzekiellTann
hamedDya
JabrielleTam
onD'Andrea
elynTiffanyC
naJoelJoseJ
abacarKhadi
risRichieTan
s!!



Above: Mr. Gary's class takes a deserved break.

Coaches:

Herb Ramos
Dennis Salmanowitz

Thanks Iris and Wendyl!



Gilson strategizes.



Jose Ruano goes for the ball!



The championship team with coaches.



Christian Lema shows off his technique.



Jayson Vargas has possession.



Wilber thinks about his next move.



Jonathan Valderrabano passes the ball.



Pablo Valle waits for the ball.

Soccer

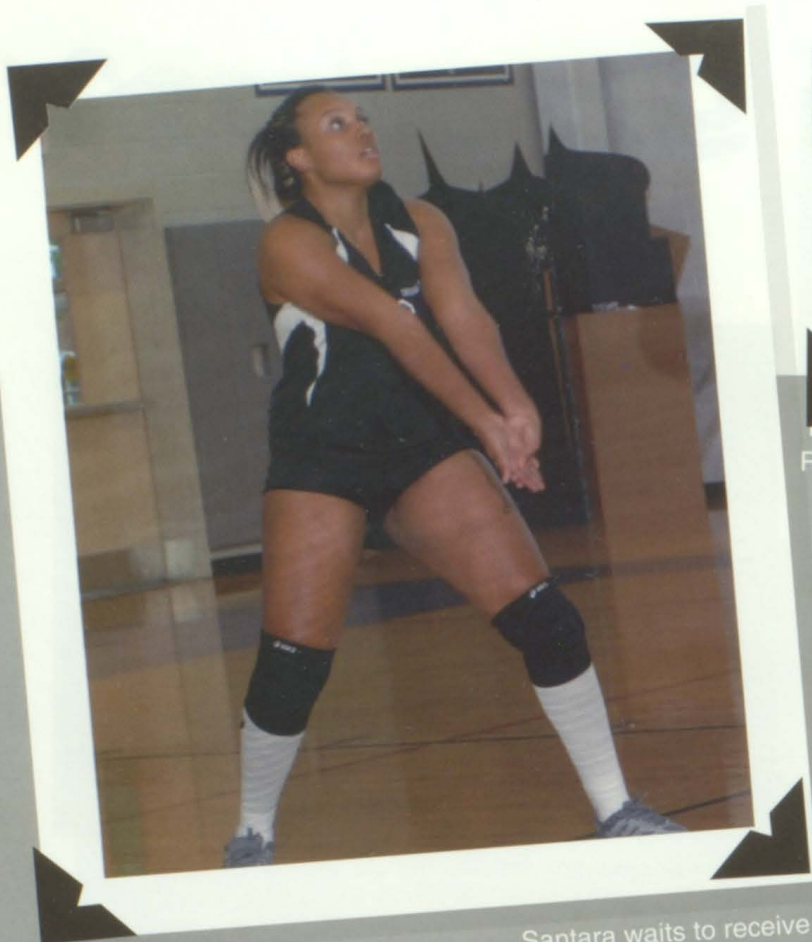


The boys put pressure on their opponent.



Abel Yekeh stops the point; he's always holdin' it down at goal.

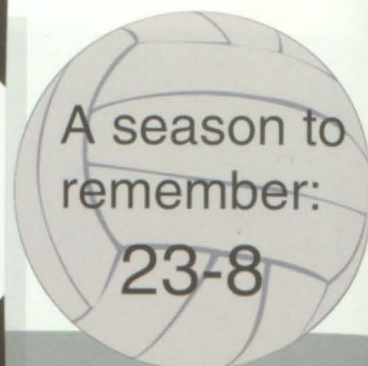
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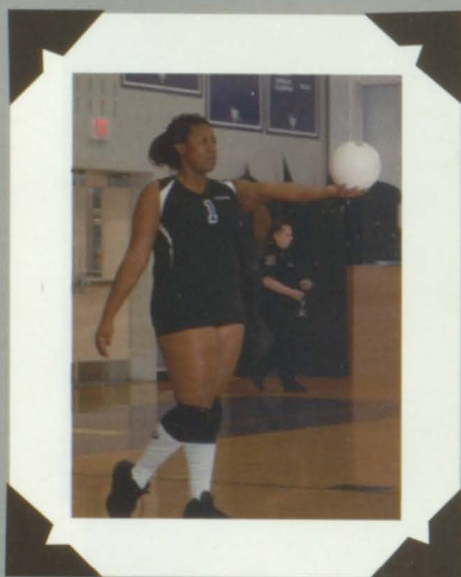
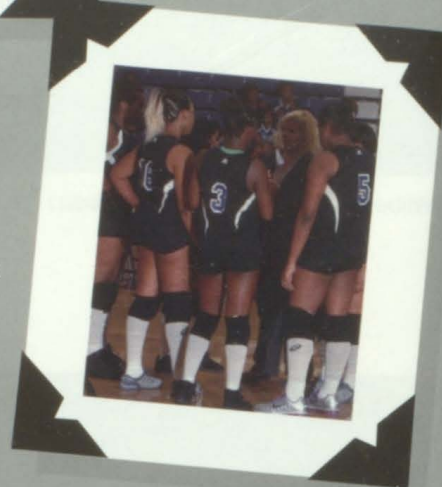
Santara waits to receive the serve.



Rocio tracks the ball.



Coach Shoop in a time out with the girls.



Sheena prepares to rocket the ball across the net.

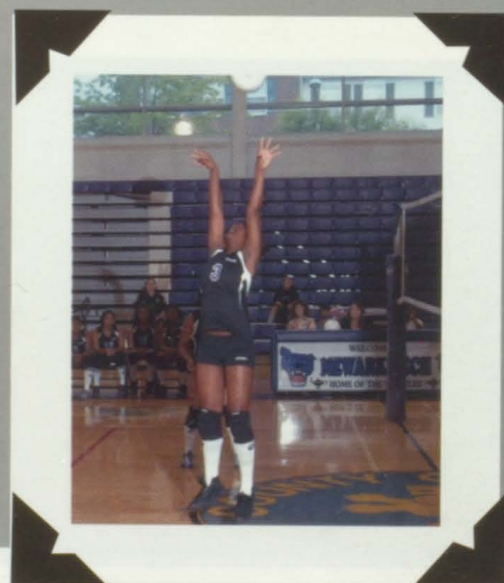
Tough and pretty; a winning combination



Taliah has a perfect platform.



Beverly sets it nice and high.



Varsity Volleyball



essence awaits the official's whistle.



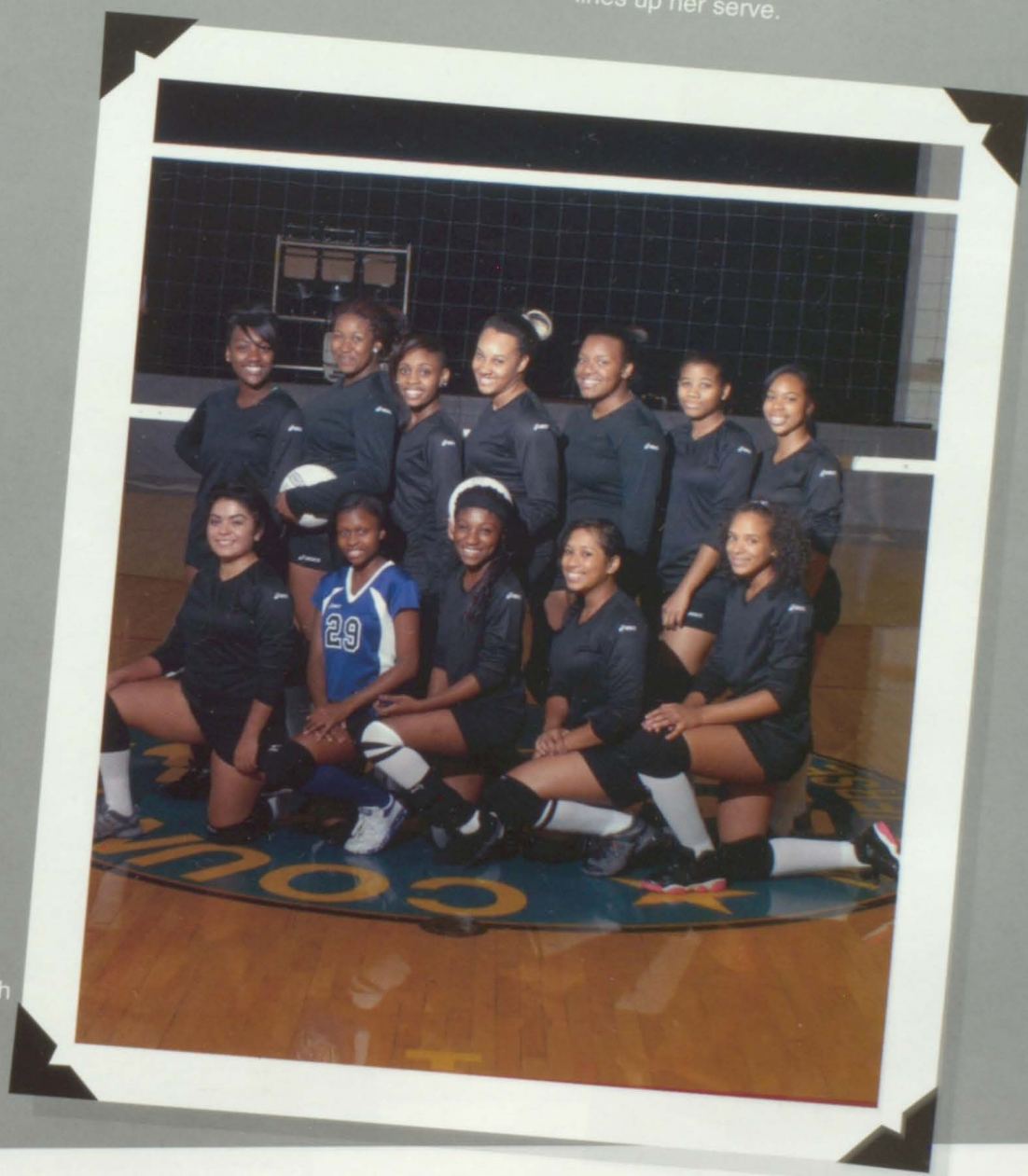
Genely digs the ball.



Joviann concentrates as she lines up her serve.



Donnisha practices for the game.

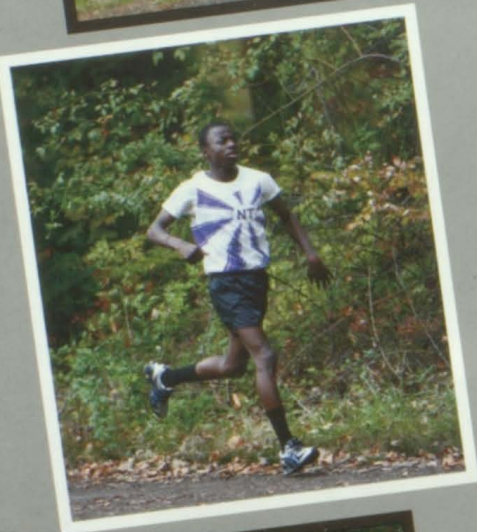


The varsity team with JV player Ajai Horn.

X-Country 2012



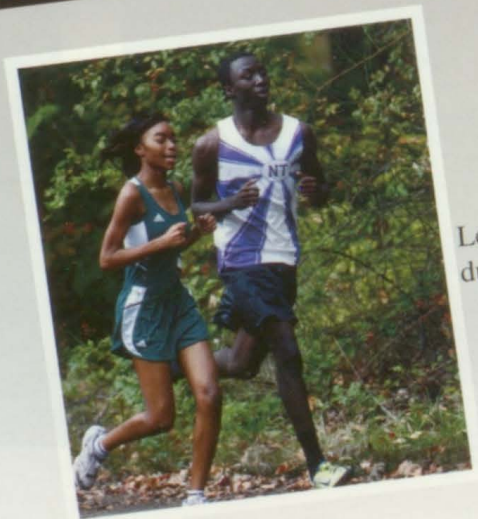
We have the fastest team and the prettiest too.



New runners on the team helped pave the way to another Championship!



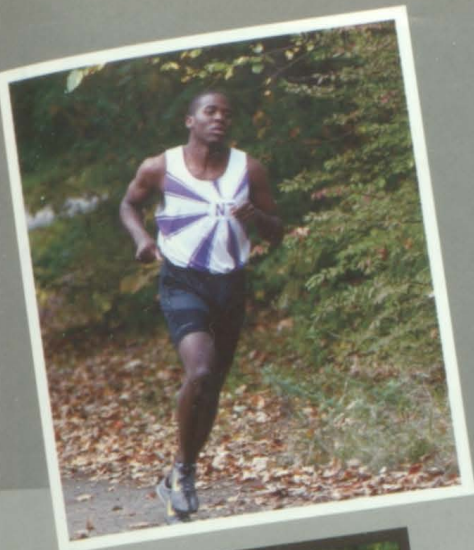
How much longer do I have to go?



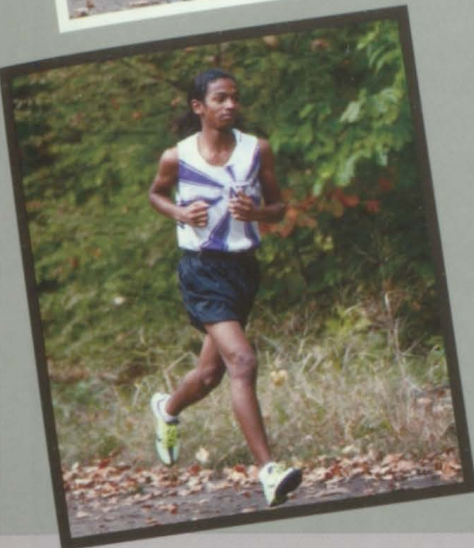
Leave her in the dust!



Sabratina pushes herself to the finish line.



Senior Orane takes the lead, as usual.



A freshman helps the team to victory

Coach Constantino with his Champs!

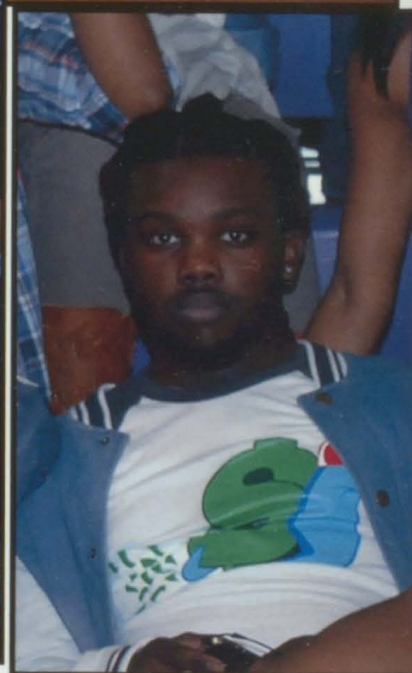
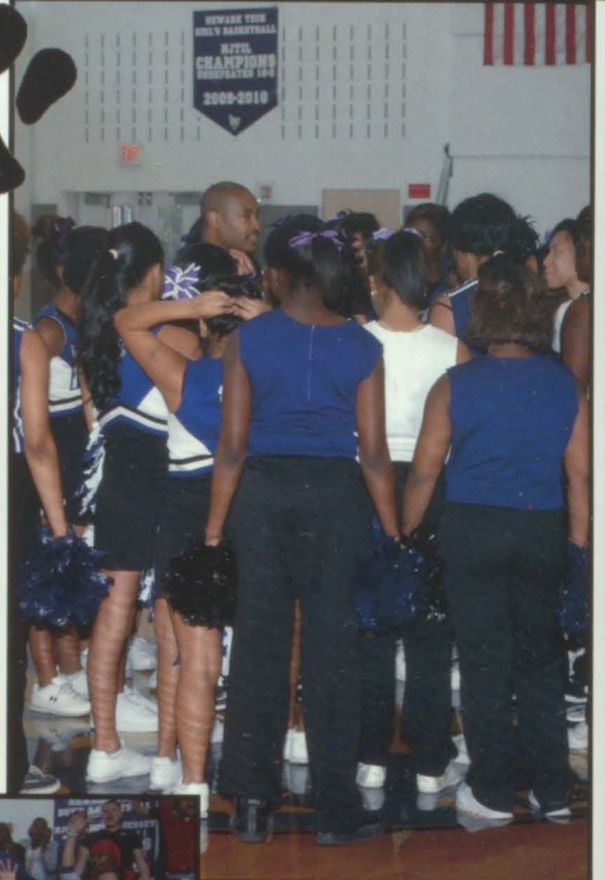


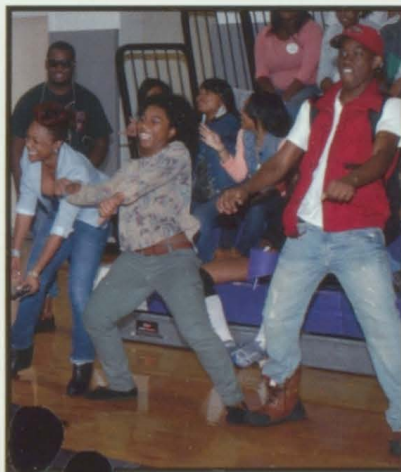
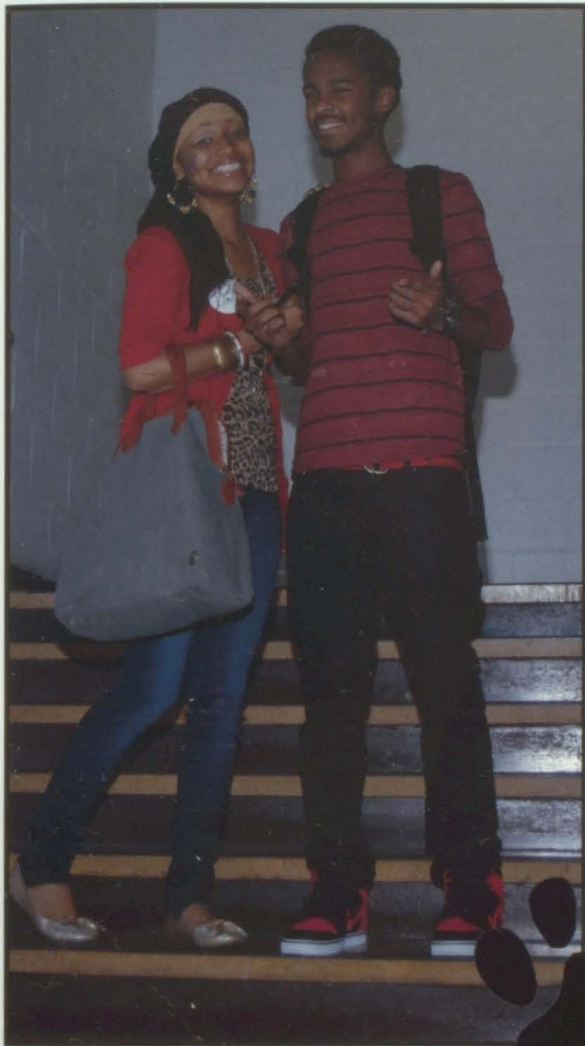
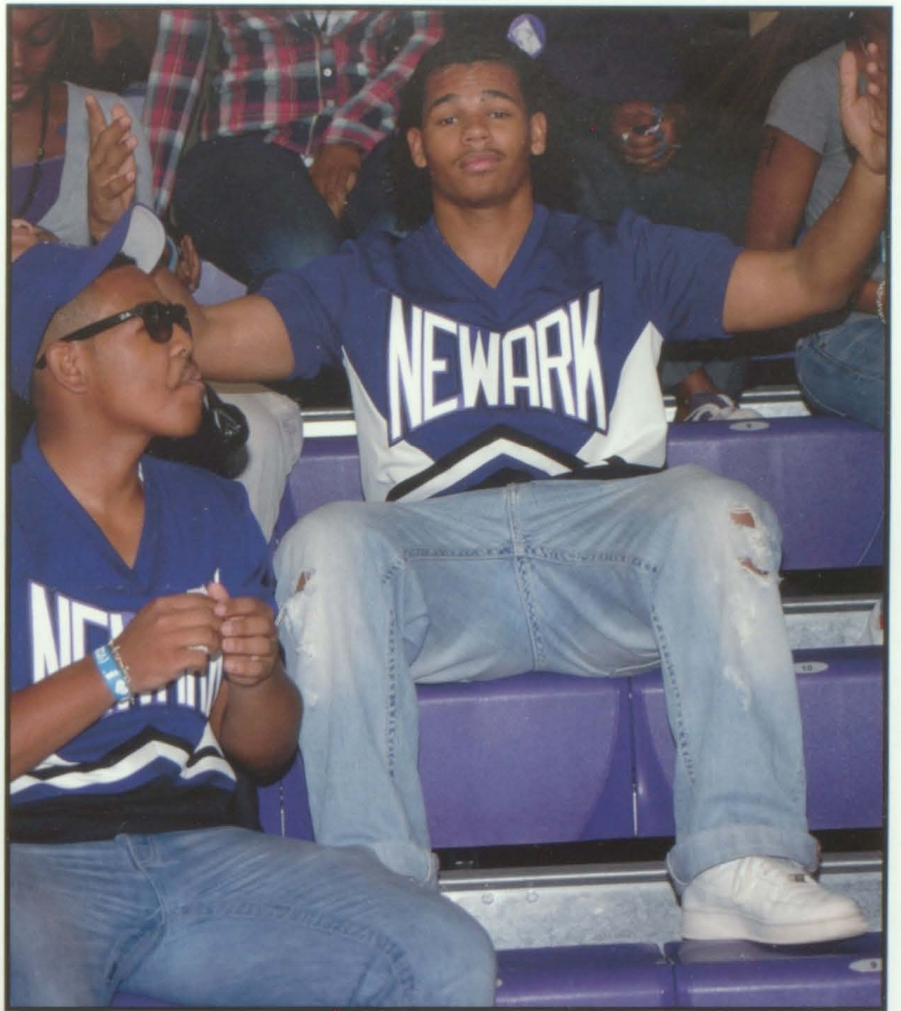
Nichole paces herself for the win.

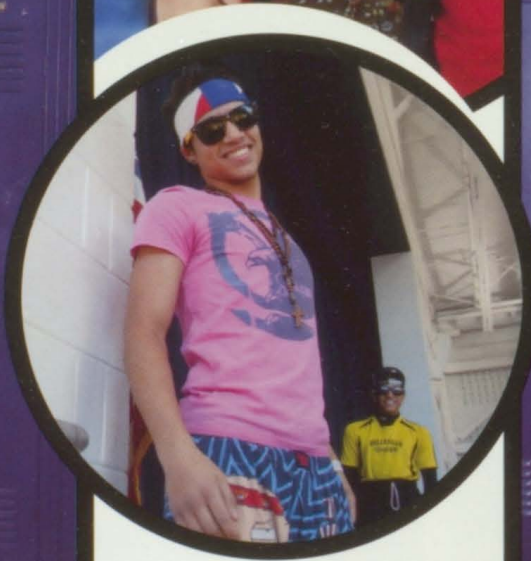
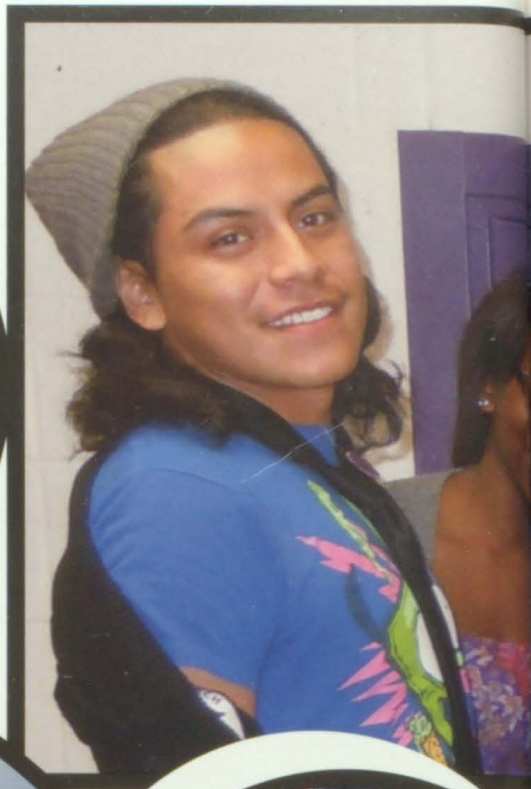
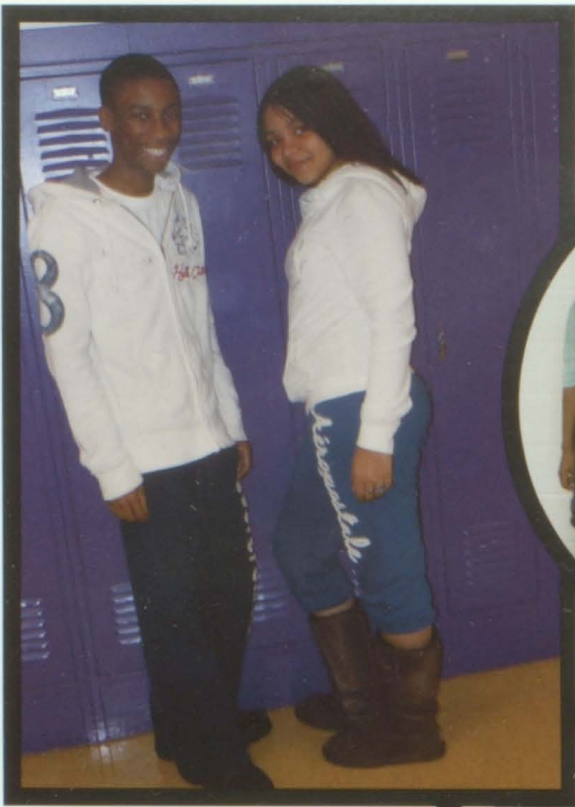


Nick laps his opponents

Fall Pep Rally





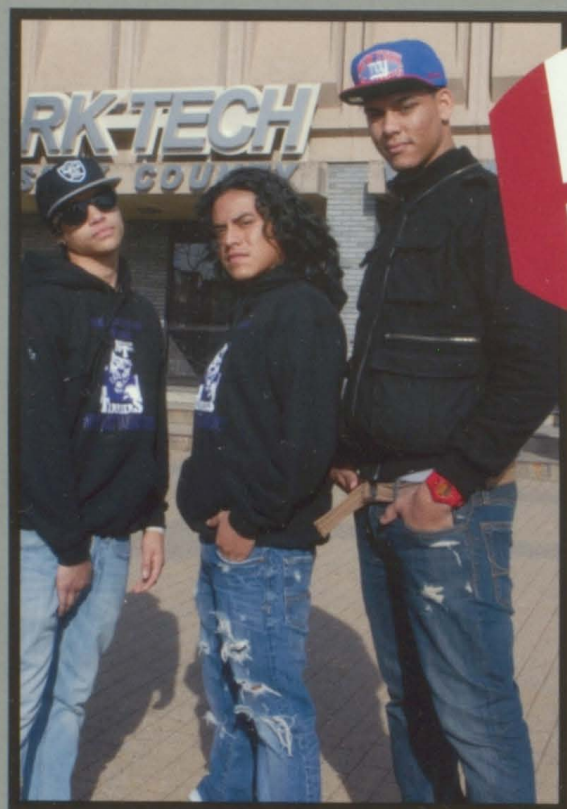




Spirit Week



Nosotros
somos
los...



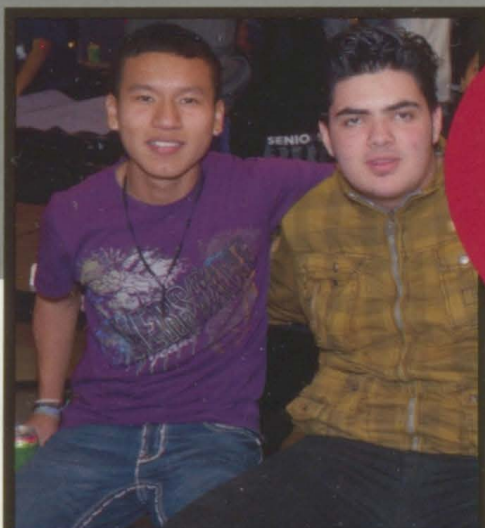
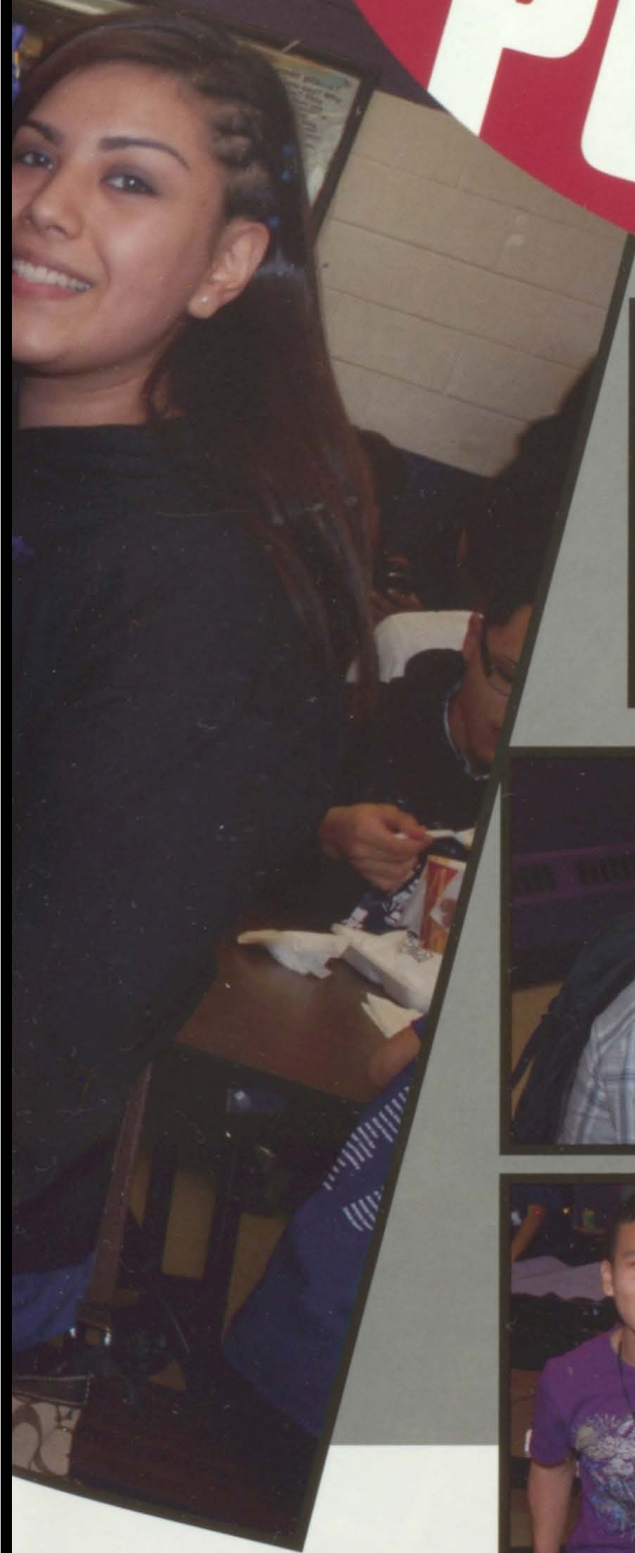
**Más
Loco**



**Más
Adorable**

Mi Gente

Más Popular



Más Feliz

T W I N S D A Y

Double the adorableness



Double the glam!



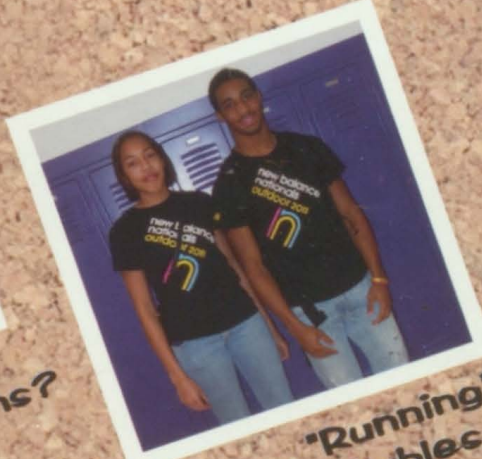
Two cute



Double the fashionistas



Wait...are you two really twins?



"Running" the doubles game



Hey! Who said teachers were allowed?



Two times the trouble!



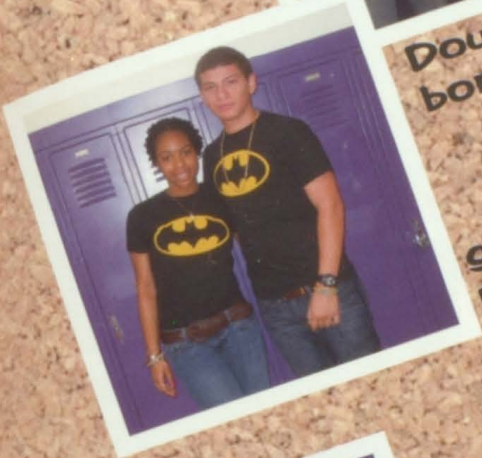
Oops, pre-senior alert!



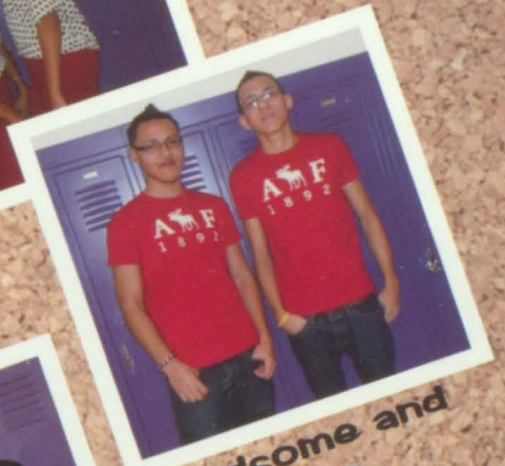
Double the boredom



Gorgeous. doubled



Super Dude and Dudette



Handsome and handsome



Double the hotness



Two of a kind down to the shoes



Two times the love



Even juniors take part in Spirit Week

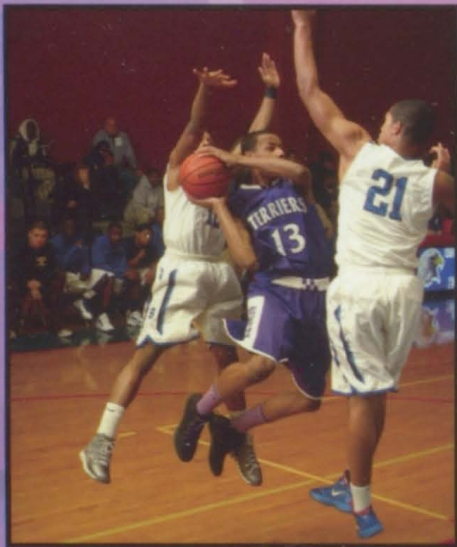


Wow. quads!

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Terrier Basketball



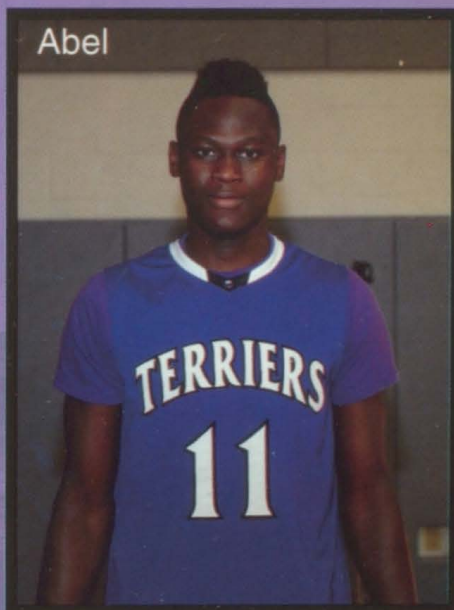
Coach Jordah-Varsity
Coach Cole-JV



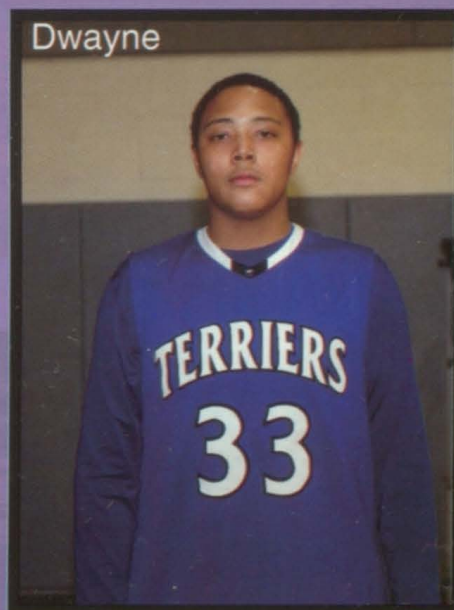
Timothy



Abel



Dwayne



Saturn



Ezekial



Senior Kristen Castel



Varsity-Coach O'Bryant and JV-Coach Bull

Girls' Varsity Basketball

NJTIL League
Champions



Senior Yasmin Cooper

Cheer r



Go TECH

Mr.

Gary's Cheerleaders



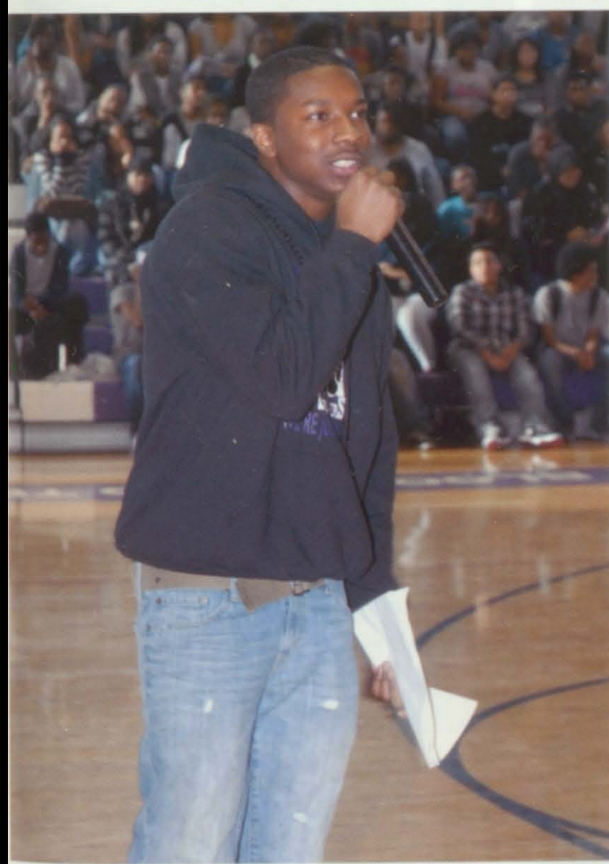


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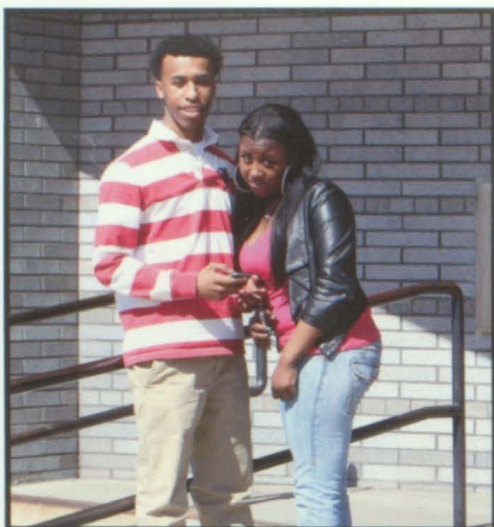
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Some of our best memories
are from Pep Rally!

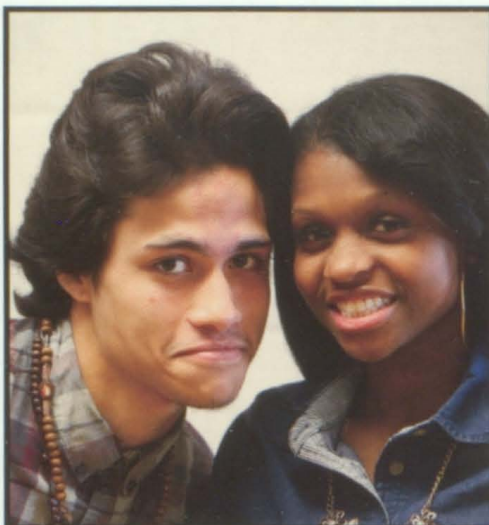


Donte MC's the Rally



Biggest Flirts

Best Smile



Most Artistic



Most Tatt'd

Best Physique



Quietest



Biggest Storytellers

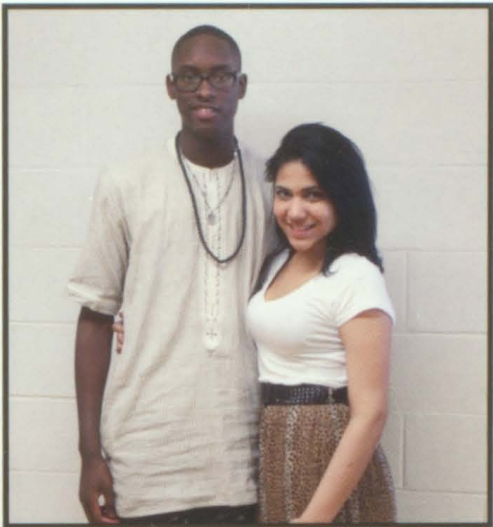
Best Looking



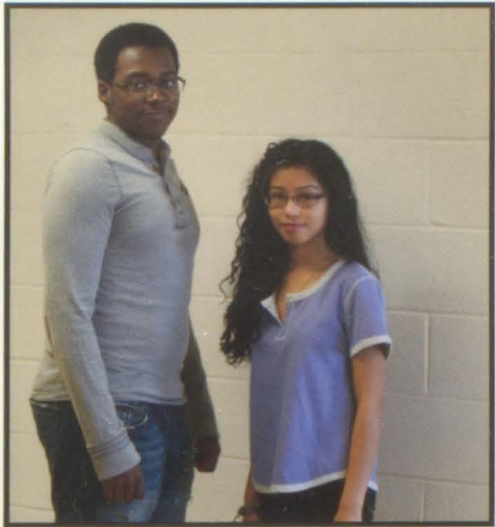
"Mom" and "Pop"



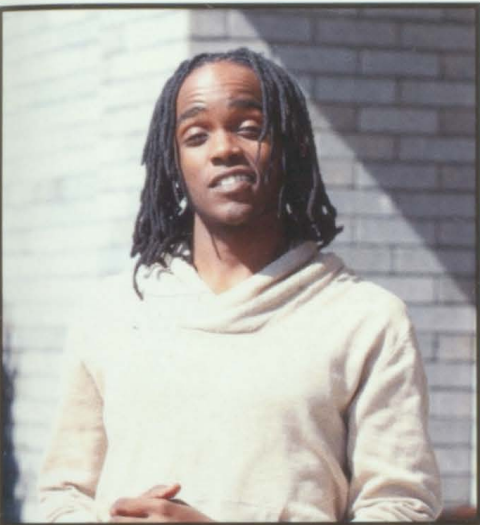
Best Friends



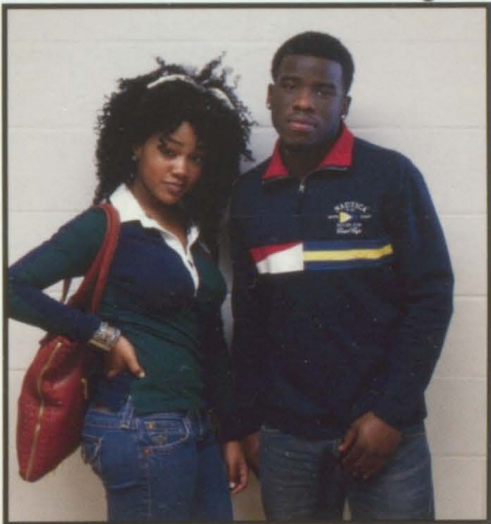
Best Dressed



Teacher's Pet



Teachers' terror



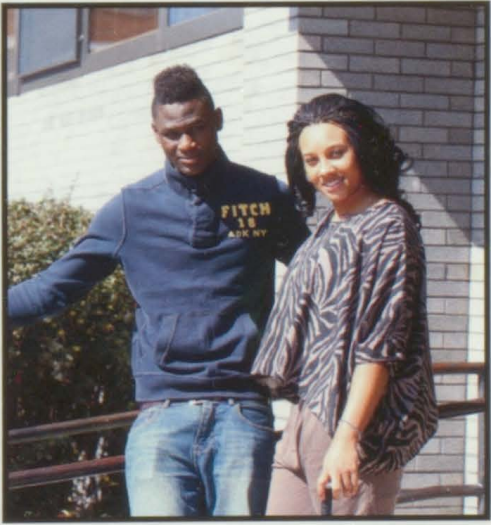
Drama Queen and King



Most Ditzzy



Biggest Chatterboxes



Most Athletic

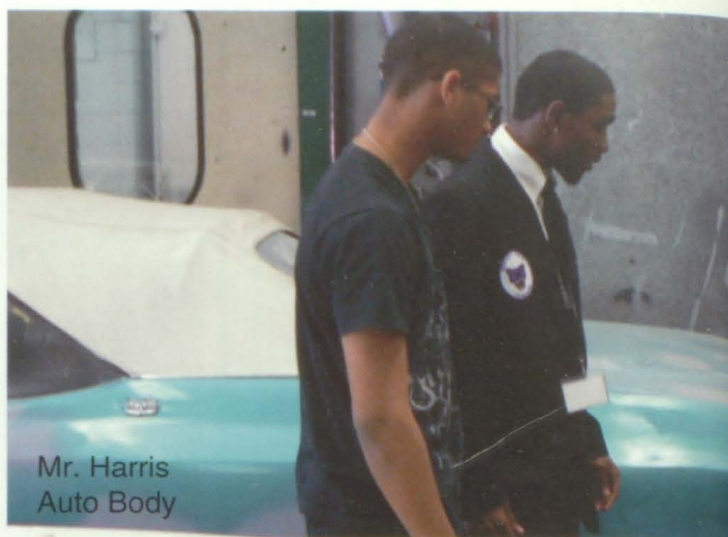


Best Accessories

Senior hops



Mr. Jones
Welding



Mr. Harris
Auto Body



Mr. Lester
Engineering



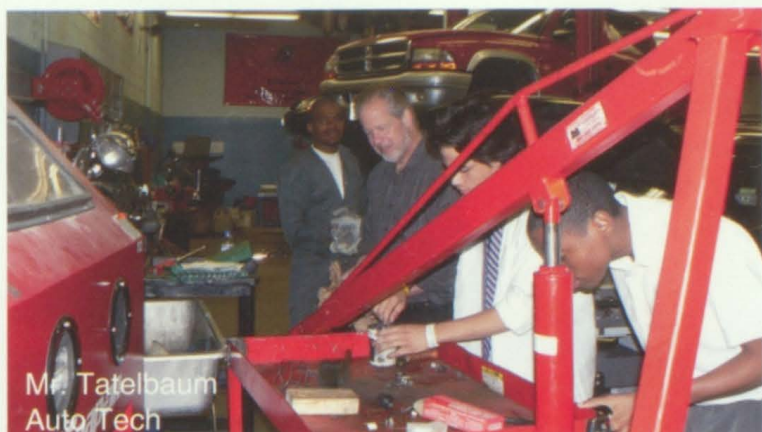
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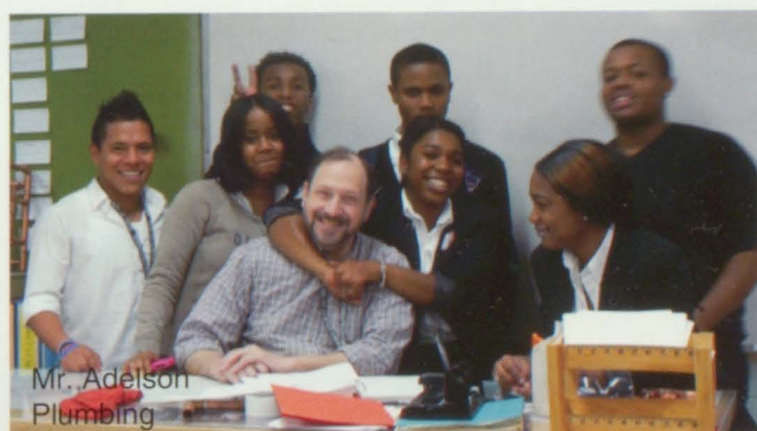
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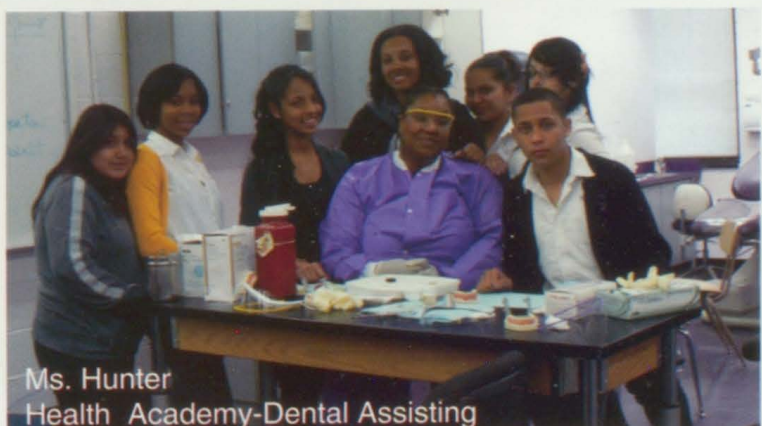
Mr. Tatelbaum
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Ms. Bisceglie
Introduction to Economics



Mr. Adelson
Plumbing



Ms. Hunter
Health Academy-Dental Assisting

A large group of students are captured in a moment of high energy and celebration within a school gymnasium. They are running and jumping across the polished wooden floor, many with their arms raised in the air. The students are dressed in casual attire, including hoodies and sweatpants, some of which feature school-related graphics. The background shows the gymnasium's walls, which are adorned with several championship banners. These banners include titles such as '2000-2003', '2010-2011', and '2016', along with a list of names and statistics. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and school spirit.

This school will



never be the same!

Winter Track



League Leaders



State Champions

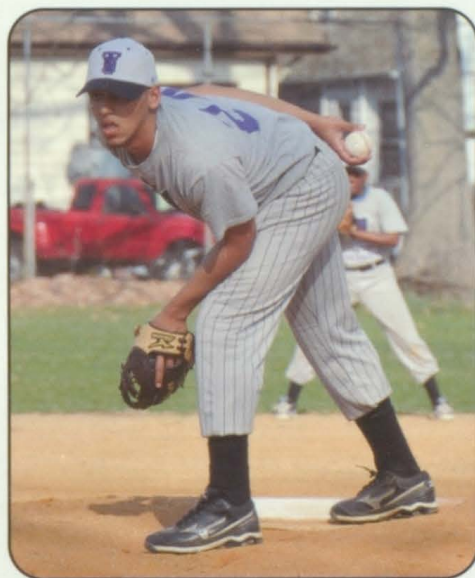


Coach Green and the team

2012

Coach Green and his assistant coaches brought recognition and respect to the Newark Tech sports program.





Coach Barker and Coach Nawrocki call a meeting

Baseball 2012



Saffiya, did you and Nia have a fight?



It's all about the friends



Class Clown aka Rosie



Donald is the CEO of the 3rd floor.



Wedding invitations will go out once we are done with graduate school.



"Go To Class!!"



We will be friends forever

Gossip girls



Nurse Hamilton 'hears' another story.





Thanks for all you do, Ms. Nawrocki



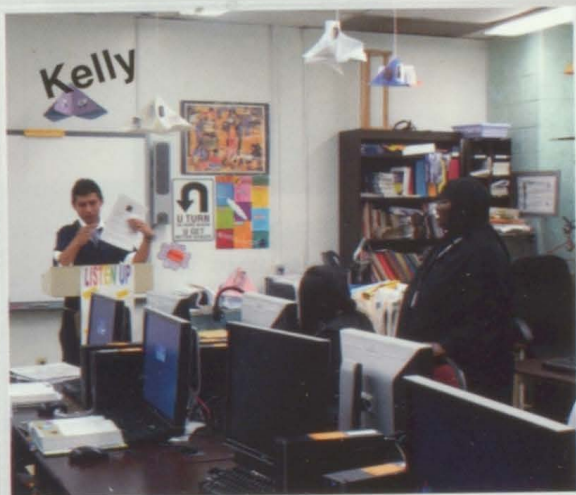
Two reasons to smile everyday



Muy caliente!



Is this a marriage proposal or did Tremayne fall?



Ms Shoop, wake up!



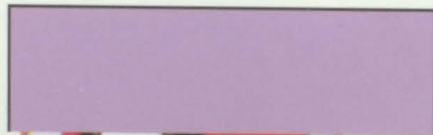
Anisha, why are you hiding?

"Ladonna will you dance with me?" Answer: No



TICKLE FIGHT

We Are...



Interconnected in so many ways and yet completely unique



Newark Tech





Zemora says it all with her eyes.

Quit pretending, boys!



Brilliant Maria!

Dori Ann and her radiant smile.



Ladonna has a secret!

Who you lookin' at?



Snapshots



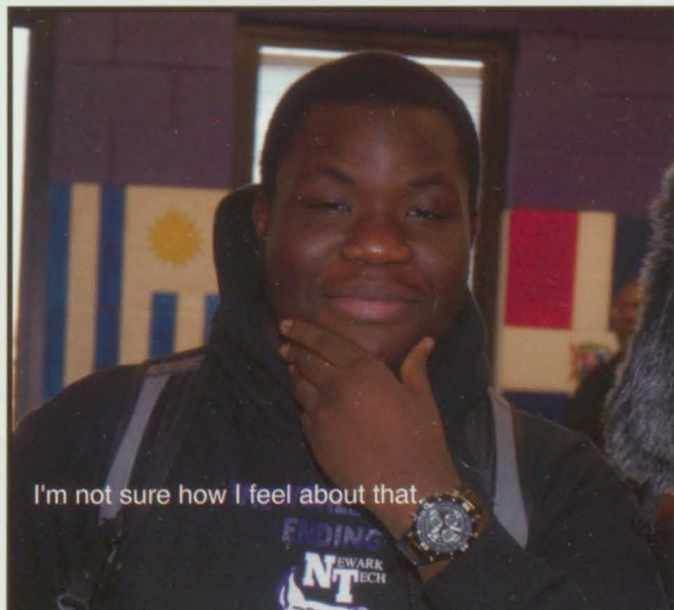
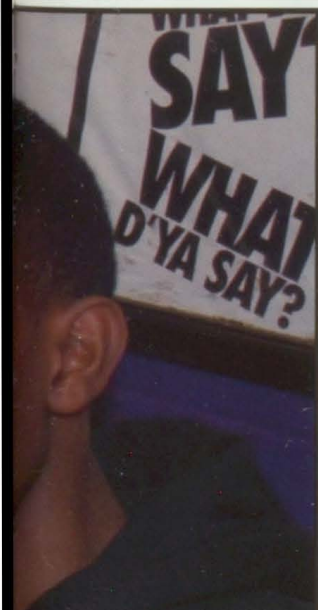
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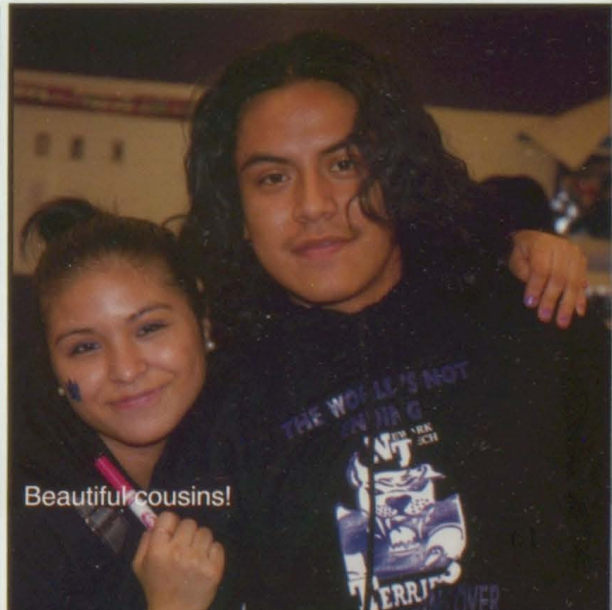
No, I will not share with you.



BFF's



I'm not sure how I feel about that.



Beautiful cousins!

NEWARK TECH

ESSEX COUNTY

VOC



Class of

NATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS



2012



*This is an empty hallway; one of many that you will never forget.
Do you remember walking down Newark Tech hallways for the first
time?*

*Back then it was all so new; block schedule, hotep, shop
classes, big gym, serious teachers, we're on the move, morning
announcements, 100-100, 500, 0.*

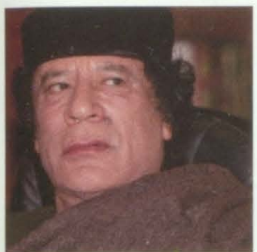
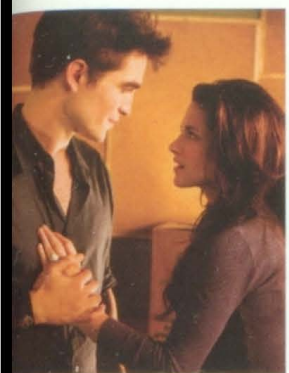
*Four years later and it was college
applications, letters of recommendation, Mr.
Denis, forever friendships, teachers not so bad,
reality of life setting in.*

*You gave this hallway energy and life
and it will echo with your laughter
indefinitely*

One last time through the hallways.

Goodbye high school.

Hello memories...



year in

review

2011-2012

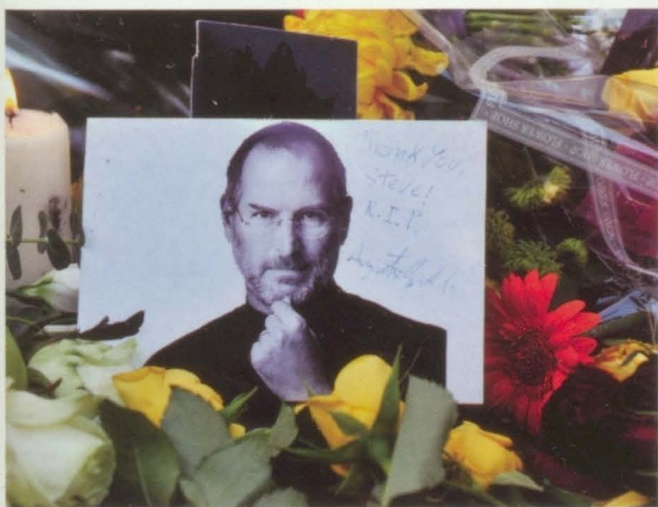


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SCAN HERE ►

With the spread of smartphones, businesses started making use of QR code technology as a way to quickly get information to consumers. Retailers, magazines and various other outlets began placing the barcodes in various locations, allowing users to scan with their phones for additional content. **If you have a smartphone, try scanning the QR codes located throughout this publication to access additional content.**



◀ SAD TIMES AT PENN STATE

Penn State University fired legendary football coach Joe Paterno, 85, after one of Paterno's former long-time assistants, Jerry Sandusky, was arrested on child sex abuse charges. Just over two months later, Paterno died of complications from lung cancer.



More than **110 million** viewers watched the Super Bowl, **25 million** watched Game 7 of the World Series and **23 million** watched the last game of the NBA Finals.

In 2011, **75 of the 100** most-watched sporting events on TV were NFL football games, including the **top 17**.

Source:
sportsmediawatch.com

By the numbers

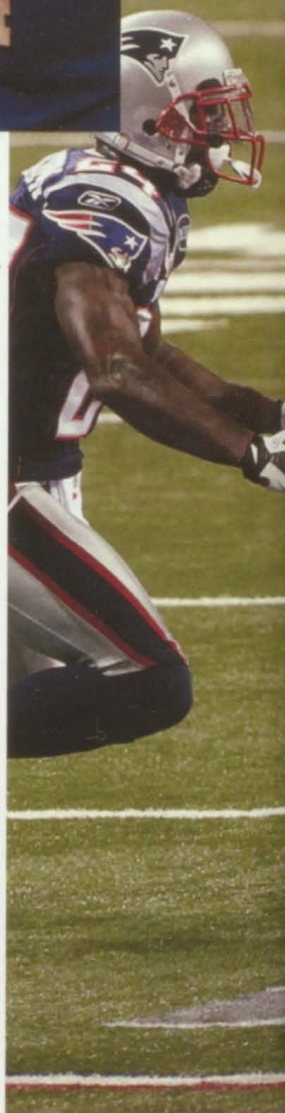


▲ A NEW RECORD

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski won his 903rd game when the Blue Devils defeated Michigan State at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 15, allowing him to pass his mentor Bobby Knight and become the coach with the most wins in men's college basketball history.

▶ A GIANT WIN ►

The New York Giants defeated the New England Patriots, 21-17, in Super Bowl XLVI. New York quarterback Eli Manning, playing in the Indianapolis stadium made famous by his older brother Peyton, led the Giants on a game-winning touchdown drive in the last four minutes and was chosen Super Bowl MVP for the second time.



▼ LEGENDS ON TOUR

Rap icons Jay-Z and Kanye West worked together on a new album, *Watch the Throne*, and even went out on a brief two-month tour to support the album. With only 33 performances, the Jay-Z/Kanye concert became a highly sought after ticket.



▼ THE NEW MAN

After a public feud, producers fired actor Charlie Sheen from the popular sitcom *Two and a Half Men* and his lead character was even killed off in the show's storyline. Ashton Kutcher replaced Sheen in the cast for the new season, and the show continued to be a hit.



▼ FULL OF GLEE

Entering its third season, *Glee* maintained its status as a hit. The cast went on a live concert tour. A spin-off reality show, *The Glee Project*, also began with the winners getting a shot to appear on the main show.

► <http://bit.ly/ytrcoachk>

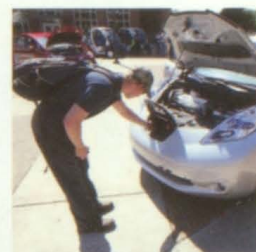


◀ GREAT SUCCESSOR

The leadership of North Korea passed from father to son when Kim Jong Il (right) died of a heart attack and his youngest son, Kim Jong Un (third from right), became ruler. Although North Korean leaders called Kim Jong Un the Great Successor, officials worldwide were unsure of his readiness to lead the nation, known for its strong military and poor human rights record.

▼ CARS OF THE FUTURE

Cars powered by electricity, such as the Nissan Leaf and the Chevy Volt, became more readily available for those interested in energy efficiency. However, selling for \$35,000-\$40,000 meant the cars were still out of the price range for many.

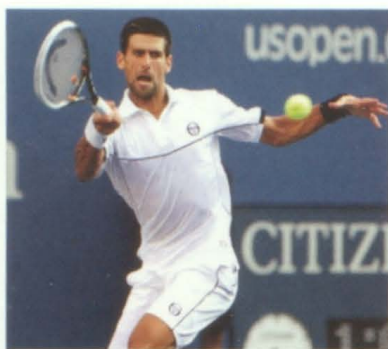


▲ ARAB SPRING CONTINUES

The Arab Spring uprisings of 2011 continued into 2012. Egyptians returned to Tahrir Square to protest the temporary government, and violence increased when a military police officer was seen beating a woman. In Syria, more than 5,000 people died in 2011 during government protests, while the government said it was cracking down on what it called armed terrorists.

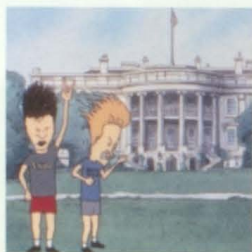
NEW KING OF THE COURT ►

Novak Djokovic amazed the tennis world with one of the greatest individual seasons ever. He won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, while compiling a record of 70-6, then started 2012 by beating rival Rafael Nadal to win the Australian Open.



◀ PAIN IN THE NECK

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning missed the entire NFL season after going through three surgeries to fix disc problems in his neck. Without the 4-time MVP, the Colts struggled to a 2-14 season. Manning's ability to come back became a constant source of discussion.



▲ GUESS WHO'S BACK?

After 14 years, MTV brought back its cult classic animated show *Beavis and Butt-Head* and began airing new episodes. A whole new generation got the chance to enjoy the dim-witted antics of heavy metal loving teens.

"We got into the water and swam to shore. I didn't really feel the water until I got out. Then, it was freezing."

Patrick Capito,
Costa Concordia
passenger

Source: MSNBC

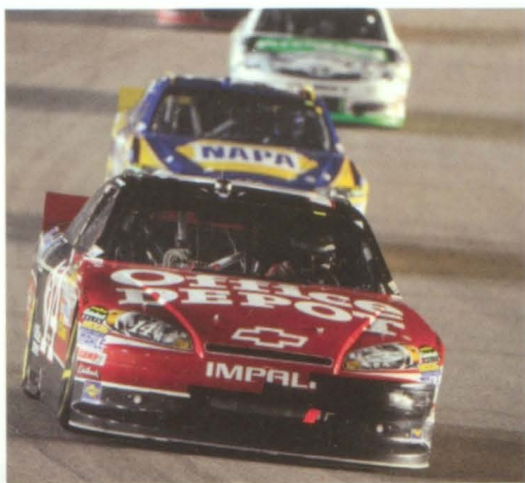
CRUISE CATASTROPHE ►

At least 17 people died when the cruise ship *Costa Concordia* hit rocks close to shore off the coast of Tuscany, Italy. After the impact and blackout, passengers said they were told there was only an electrical problem. Only when the ship began to tilt did the 4,200 passengers and crew decide to get their life jackets.



**STEWART BACK ►
ON TOP**

NASCAR driver Tony Stewart won five races on the way to winning the Sprint Cup Championship. Stewart's title was his third Cup championship, and it ended the five-year reign of Jimmie Johnson.



**▼ NO LONGER A
SECRET**

Popular ABC Family drama *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* capped off its third season with title character Amy Juergens accepting a marriage proposal from her boyfriend. The highly anticipated fourth season returned in March.



**◀ HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM BIEBS**

The raging popularity of Justin Bieber continued, as the pop star released a Christmas album, *Under the Mistletoe*, which immediately debuted at the top of the charts.



▲ ANGEL ALBERT

Slugger Albert Pujols surprised many in the baseball world by leaving the world champion St. Louis Cardinals to sign a free agent deal with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for 10 years, worth more than \$250 million.



**▲ GREAT YEAR
FOR GRIFFIN**

Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin III racked up more than 4,600 yards passing and rushing, accounted for 45 touchdowns and led the Bears to a school-record 10 wins, which was good enough to win the Heisman Trophy.



Photo credits: Newscom

GAMING IN 3D ►

Nintendo released the handheld Nintendo 3DS, which was the first video game unit able to project 3D effects without the use of special glasses. More than 400,000 3DS units quickly sold out in the first week.



LOOK OUT FACEBOOK ►

Google launched a new social networking website called Google+, which was designed as an alternative and competitor to Facebook. Google+ used "Circles" and "Hangouts" to categorize friends. In its first six months, Google+ attracted 90 million users.



▼ STILL ON THE SCENE

The third album from Selena Gomez & the Scene, called *When the Sun Goes Down* ended up becoming the best selling one yet for Gomez and her band.



"I will recover and will return, and we will work together again, for Arizona and all Americans."

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

Source: ABCnews.com

GIFFORDS ► RESIGNS

One year after being shot at an event to meet with constituents, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords of Arizona resigned her seat in Congress. Giffords had spent the past year relearning to talk and walk after being shot in the head. She said she would recover and return to Congress.



▲ NEITHER RAIN NOR SNOW...

The U.S. Postal Service faced money troubles and looked at cutting back on services. The USPS planned to stop next-day service for first-class mail. There also was talk about closing a couple hundred post offices and mail facilities and dropping Saturday mail delivery.

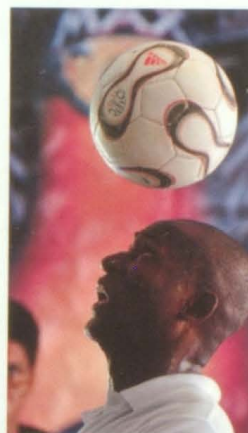
BELIEVE IT ►

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Texas Rangers in the 2011 World Series, including a miraculous comeback in Game 6. Twice down to their final out and final strike, the Cardinals rallied both times to win in extra innings and force the series to a Game 7.

NEW FOOD RULES ►

The USDA issued new standards for school lunches beginning for the next school year, including calorie ranges for different age groups and less sodium and fat.

Fruits and vegetables also must be offered, but students will not be required to take them.



◀ HEADING FOR INJURY

A new study showed that heading a soccer ball a lot may cause brain damage. The study, done at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, found damage in people who were heading the ball about 1,300 times a year.



Photo credits: Newscom

2011 Box Office

1. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*
2. *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*
3. *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1*
4. *The Hangover, Part 2*
5. *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*

Source: boxofficemojo.com

top movies

THE STORY ENDS ►

More than 14 years after the release of the first book, and nearly 10 years after the release of the first movie, the pop culture phenomenon of Harry Potter came to a close with the last movie, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2*. By the end, the tales of the boy wizard captured the imagination of an entire generation.



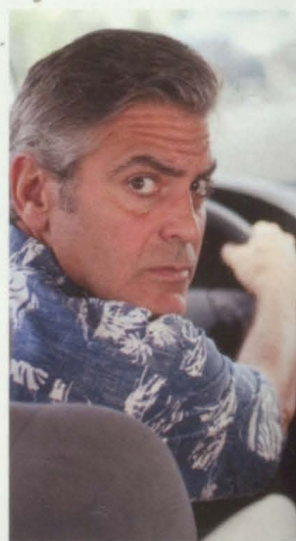
TRAGEDY ON ► THE TRACK

Two-time Indy 500 winner Dan Wheldon died from injuries he sustained in a crash during a race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway in October. The 33-year-old Wheldon was a popular sports star in his home country of England.



CATCH THE ► LINSANITY!

Jeremy Lin, an undrafted basketball player from Harvard, signed on with the New York Knicks as the first Chinese-American player in NBA history. After injuries gave Lin a chance in the lineup, he became an overnight sensation by averaging 27 points a game in his first two weeks as a starter.



▲ **AMONG THE BEST**
George Clooney and Shailene Woodley starred in the movie *The Descendants*, and led the field of Best Picture nominees at the Oscars. Other Best Picture nominees included *Moneyball*, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* and *Hugo*.



▲ WHY SO ANGRY?

Two years after its launch, the makers of mobile video game app Angry Birds announced that the game had been downloaded more than 500 million times across various platforms. The success took the game mainstream, with stuffed animals, T-shirts and other products becoming popular items.

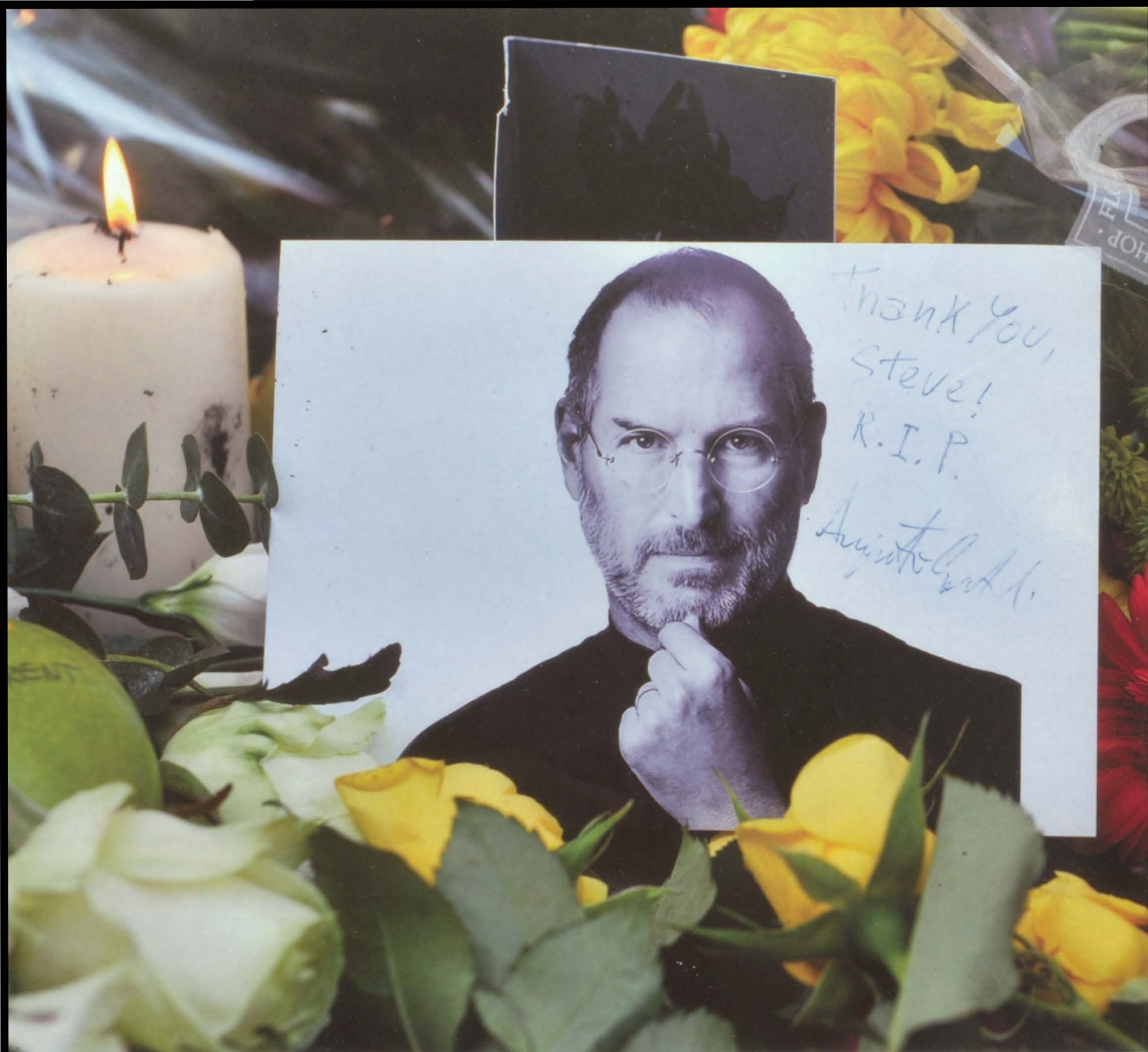
▲ WEB SURFING ON THE GO

Tablet computers, such as Apple's iPad 2, the Amazon Kindle Fire and the NOOK tablet, remained very popular items. With a viewable area much bigger than a smartphone, and easy touchscreen navigation, users took their tablets with them everywhere.



▲ SUCCESSFUL SIBLINGS

The Band Perry, a new country group made up of singer Kimberly Perry and her brothers Reid and Neil, gained notoriety for their self-titled debut album. The act won Best New Artist at the CMA Awards, as well as Song of the Year for "If I Die Young."



<http://bit.ly/yirjobs> ►



◀ ANOTHER EARTH OUT THERE?

Using the Kepler space observatory, NASA astronomers discovered a pair of planets roughly the same size as Earth about 950 light years away. While the temperatures on the new planets were an unlivable 1,400 degrees, their discovery brought hope that projects like Kepler will continue to successfully find new planets.

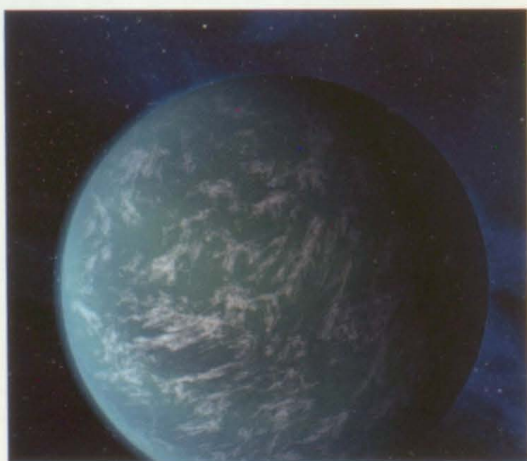
"Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become."

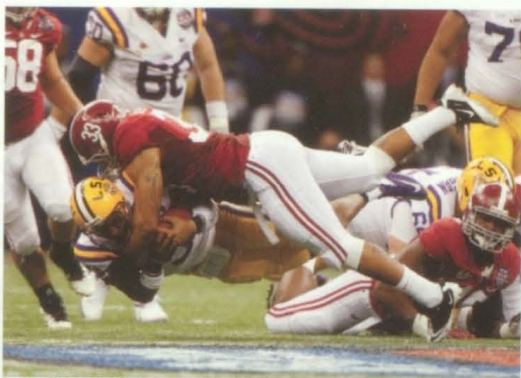
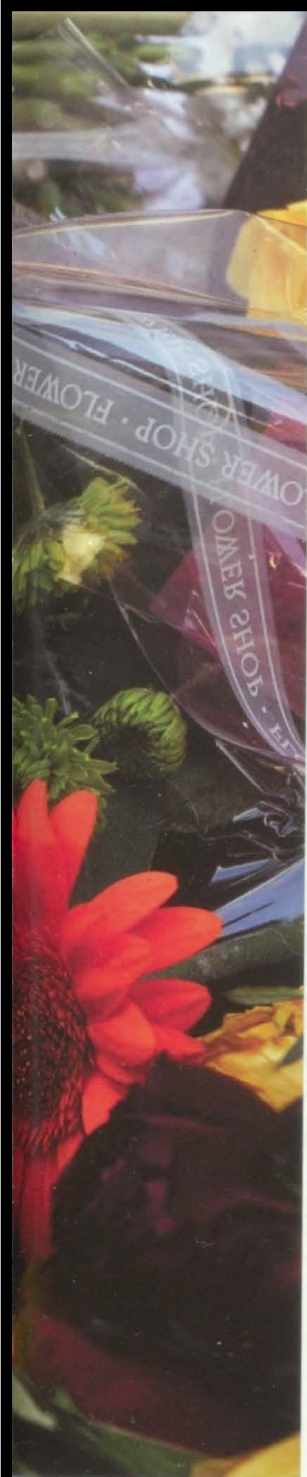
**Steve Jobs,
1955-2011**

Source: 2005 Stanford Commencement

▲ VISIONARY GONE

Steve Jobs, the co-founder and CEO of Apple, Inc., who brought the world products such as the iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad, died after an eight-year battle with cancer. Millions mourned Jobs, considered by some to be the most influential technology pioneer of his generation.



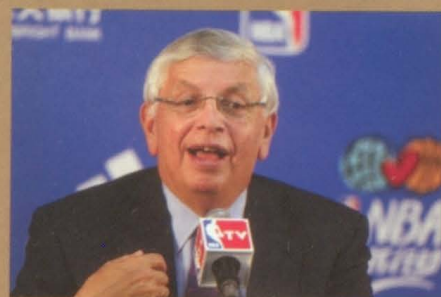


▲ ROLL TIDE!

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the LSU Tigers, 21-0, in college football's BCS National Championship Game. The conference rivals faced off for the second time in the season. While LSU won the first meeting, Alabama's defense held the Tigers to just 5 first downs to dominate the second game.

▲ UNNATURAL NATURAL DISASTERS

In 2011, the United States had a record 12 weather disasters. These included massive flooding of the Mississippi River; a severe drought and wildfires in the southern Plains and southwest U.S.; and Hurricane Irene along the East Coast.



LABOR NEGOTIATIONS were a problem for both the NFL and NBA. A lockout by NFL owners disrupted training camp, and threatened the start of the season before a very late settlement. Even once the NFL season began, some felt a rash of early injuries and sloppy play was due to the lost offseason.

An NBA lockout did interrupt the start of the basketball season, with 16 games for each team getting removed from the schedule before an agreement was reached and the season began on Christmas Day.

Once the NBA season started, the shortened regular season became a grind, with teams playing the 66-game schedule in a tight, four-month timeframe.

A late start



▲ LIBERATION IN LIBYA

Libyans revolted against their government and eventually killed their dictator of 42 years, Moammar Gadhafi, in October. Rebels fought government soldiers for eight months with the help of NATO, including U.S. forces.



◀ ELECTION YEAR

Although Republican candidates for president had been participating in debates for months, the 2012 primary season began in January with the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary. Frontrunners for the Republican nomination included Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney all seeking to oppose President Barack Obama in the fall election.

Photo credits: Newscom

A BEST SELLER ▶

The latest entry in the *Call of Duty* series of video games, *Modern Warfare 3*, sold more than 6.5 million copies in the U.S. and U.K. within 24 hours of going on sale in November. Those numbers made it the most successful video game launch of all-time.



* MTV'S CHOICE ▶

Katy Perry needed help carrying home all the hardware she won at the MTV Video Music Awards. With 10 nominations entering the night, Perry won Video of the Year, Best Collaboration (with Kanye West) and Best Special Effects.



ROLLING IN THE HITS ▶

The hit single "Rolling in the Deep" from British pop star Adele sold more digital copies in the U.S. (nearly 6 million) than any song ever had in a single year. Her album, *21*, became the best selling record of the year.



▶ <http://bit.ly/yirladygaga>

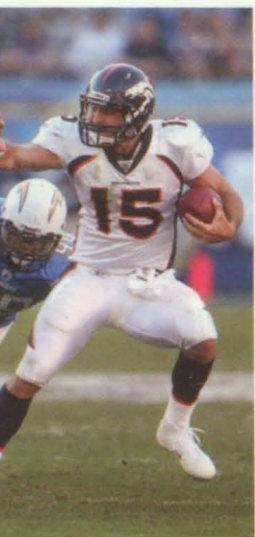


▲ JUST BORN THIS WAY

Lady Gaga's latest album, *Born This Way*, sold more than a million copies in one week, she was nominated for three Grammy Awards and the Guinness Book of Records declared she had more followers than anybody on Twitter at more than 13 million.

▲ NOT SO FAST, NETFLIX!

Popular DVD-by-mail provider Netflix experienced a rough year with its strategic direction. The company was bombarded with negative feedback after announcing it was splitting its online streaming and DVD mail services into two plans. In the third quarter of 2011 alone, Netflix lost 800,000 subscribers.



▲ TIME FOR TEBOW

Denver quarterback Tim Tebow gained notoriety for leading the Broncos to an unlikely six-game winning streak, with many of the games needing late comebacks. The former Heisman Trophy winner's knack for taking to a knee in prayer on the sideline became known as "Tebowing."



◀ QUAKE RATTLES MONUMENT

The Washington Monument was expected to be closed to the public for repairs for at least a year after a 5.8 magnitude earthquake in August. A team rappelled the 555-foot structure and found most of the damage occurred at the top. Other buildings, including the National Cathedral, also were damaged.

**72
DAYS**

The marriage of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries

**12
DAYS**

The final Atlantis space shuttle mission

**136
DAYS**

NFL lockout

Source: Parade magazine

By the numbers

▼ STILL A FIGHTER

Tennessee's Pat Summitt, the winningest coach in women's basketball history, announced before the start of the season that she had been diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Using a plan that gave more responsibility to her assistants, Summitt stayed on the job and again had the Lady Vols in the top 10.



COMING HOME ► FROM IRAQ

Most U.S. troops stationed in Iraq were home by Dec. 31, ending the eight-year conflict there to fight terrorism and remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power. About 100,000

U.S. troops were in Afghanistan, continuing the fight against the Taliban, and a few thousand of the troops that were in Iraq were to be redeployed to Afghanistan.



◀ GONE TOO SOON

Amy Winehouse, the British singer-songwriter known for her powerful voice and numerous hits, died of alcohol poisoning at her London home. An album of previously unreleased recordings put out after Winehouse's death immediately became her highest debuting record in the U.S.

Photo credits: Newscom



◀ RUSSIAN VOTERS PROTEST

Protests erupted in several Russian cities following Parliamentary elections. The ruling party barely kept control, and thousands took to the streets to voice their concern about voting irregularities. The protests were an act of defiance to President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

▼ BLAGOJEVICH SENTENCED

Former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich was sentenced to 14 years in prison for his conviction on bribery and attempted extortion charges. In 2008, Blagojevich was arrested on 20 counts, including trying to appoint someone to President Barack Obama's Illinois Senate seat in exchange for money or a high-paying job.



The top-selling musical artists of 2011 were:

1. Adele
2. Justin Bieber
3. Michael Buble
4. Lady Gaga
5. Lil Wayne

Source: Nielsen SoundScan

best sellers



VOICE SILENCED ▶

Pop legend Whitney Houston was tragically found dead in her Beverly Hills hotel in February. At the time of her death, Houston was one of the best selling and most honored singers in recording industry history. She was the first artist to ever record seven consecutive number one songs.



A CHANGING ▶ LANDSCAPE

The look of college sports continued to change thanks to major conference realignment.

Texas A&M and Missouri left the Big 12 to join the SEC, while Syracuse and Pittsburgh left the Big East to join the ACC. The Big East also lost West Virginia and TCU, which joined the Big 12. Confused yet?



▲ BACK TO MARS

NASA began a new mission to Mars by sending a new robotic vehicle on its way to the red planet in November.

The journey was expected to take nine months. The launch was part of a new program to determine whether Mars could support life.

SCHOOL

SPEED
LIMIT
20

◀ ANIMALS ON THE LOOSE

In Ohio, officers went on a big game hunt after a man who owned more than 50 wild animals opened their cages and set them free. The animals had been living on a farm in eastern Ohio. Schools were closed during the hunt. Among the animals killed were Bengal tigers, lions, black bears and grizzly bears. One grizzly bear, three leopards and two monkeys were captured and taken to the Columbus Zoo.

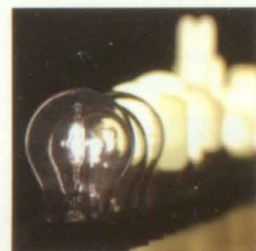


▼ BECKHAM GETS IT DONE

In his fifth season with the team, British soccer star David Beckham finally led the Los Angeles Galaxy to the MLS Cup championship. Beckham was second in the league in assists and L.A. capped off the year with a 1-0 victory over Houston in the championship game.

▼ OLD LIGHT BULBS DIM

The incandescent light bulb – the bulb everyone has used since it was invented by Thomas Edison – was going away. Stores began to only offer halogen incandescent, compact fluorescent and LED light bulbs. However, the U.S. Department of Energy was unable to enforce the new energy efficiency rules for most of 2012 because of a lack of money.



◀ BREAKING RECORDS

Audiences flocked to the theater in droves on opening weekend to check out *Breaking Dawn*, the final chapter in the *Twilight* series. The last installment in the vampire love story of Edward and Bella was made into two movies, with part one being released in the fall.

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GUYS

- ▶ Plaid shirts
- ▶ Unbuttoned button-down shirt over a graphic T
- ▶ Skinny ties and bow ties

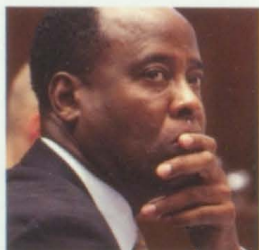
GIRLS

- ▶ Skirts above the knee
- ▶ Legging jeans (jeggings)
- ▶ Scarves and cowl necks on sweaters

In vogue

▼ MJ DOCTOR FOUND GUILTY

Michael Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of the famed singer. Jackson died of propofol intoxication, and testimony given during Murray's trial showed the doctor gave Jackson propofol nearly every night for two months to help him sleep. Murray received the maximum sentence – four years in jail.



◀ ONE GOAL SHORT

The U.S. lost to Japan in the final match at the Women's World Cup in Germany. Twice the U.S. led with only minutes left, first in regulation and then in overtime, before Japan tied it with late goals. The Japanese then won the penalty kick shootout to win its first ever Women's World Cup title.



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GROWING DEBT ▶

The ever-increasing U.S. debt was a hot topic. Amid the question of raising the debt limit, House Speaker John Boehner and President Barack Obama reached a deal on spending cuts, avoiding the possibility of the U.S. defaulting on its debt. Then a bipartisan Congressional super committee was unable to agree on how to reduce the national debt.

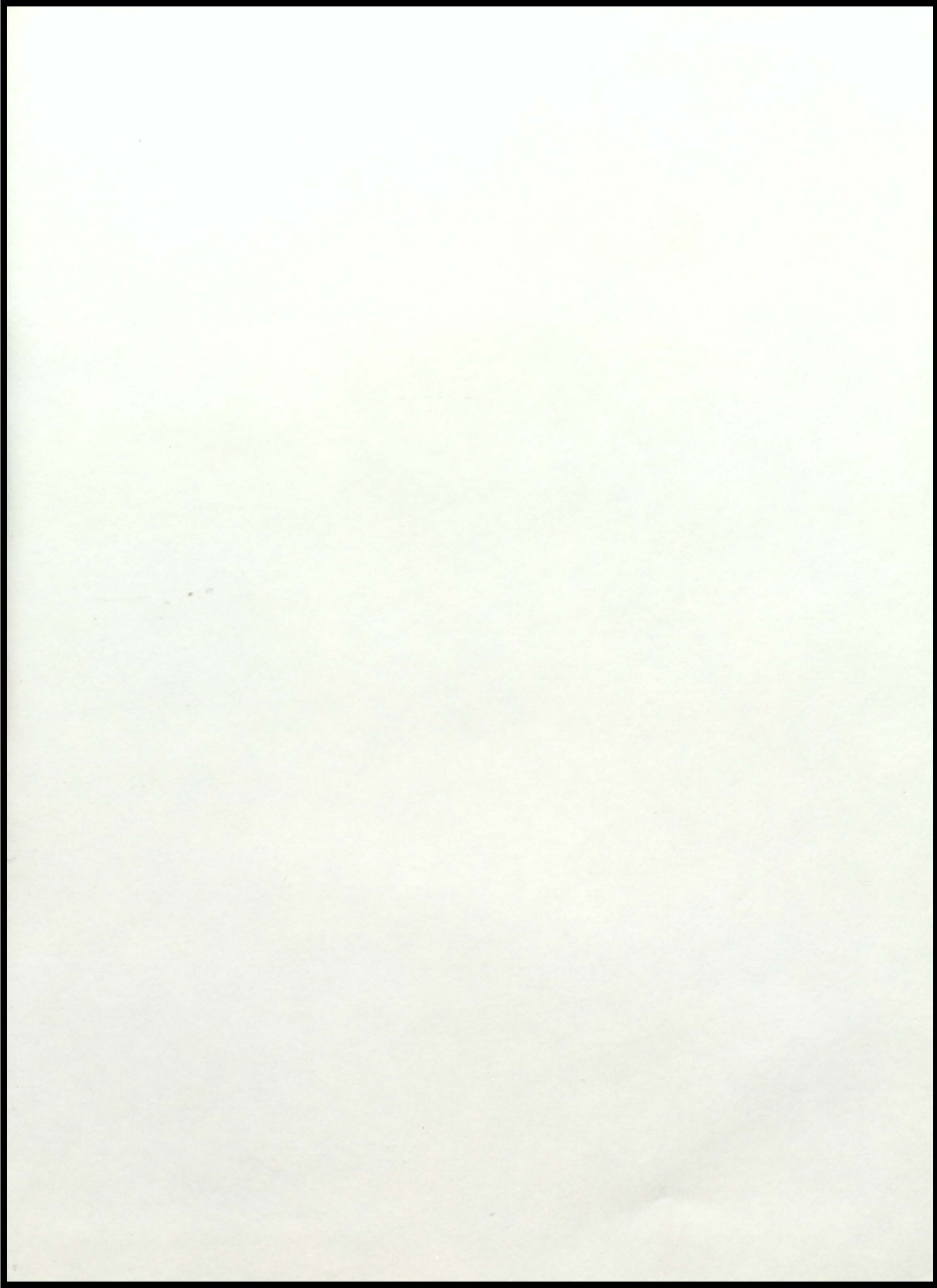


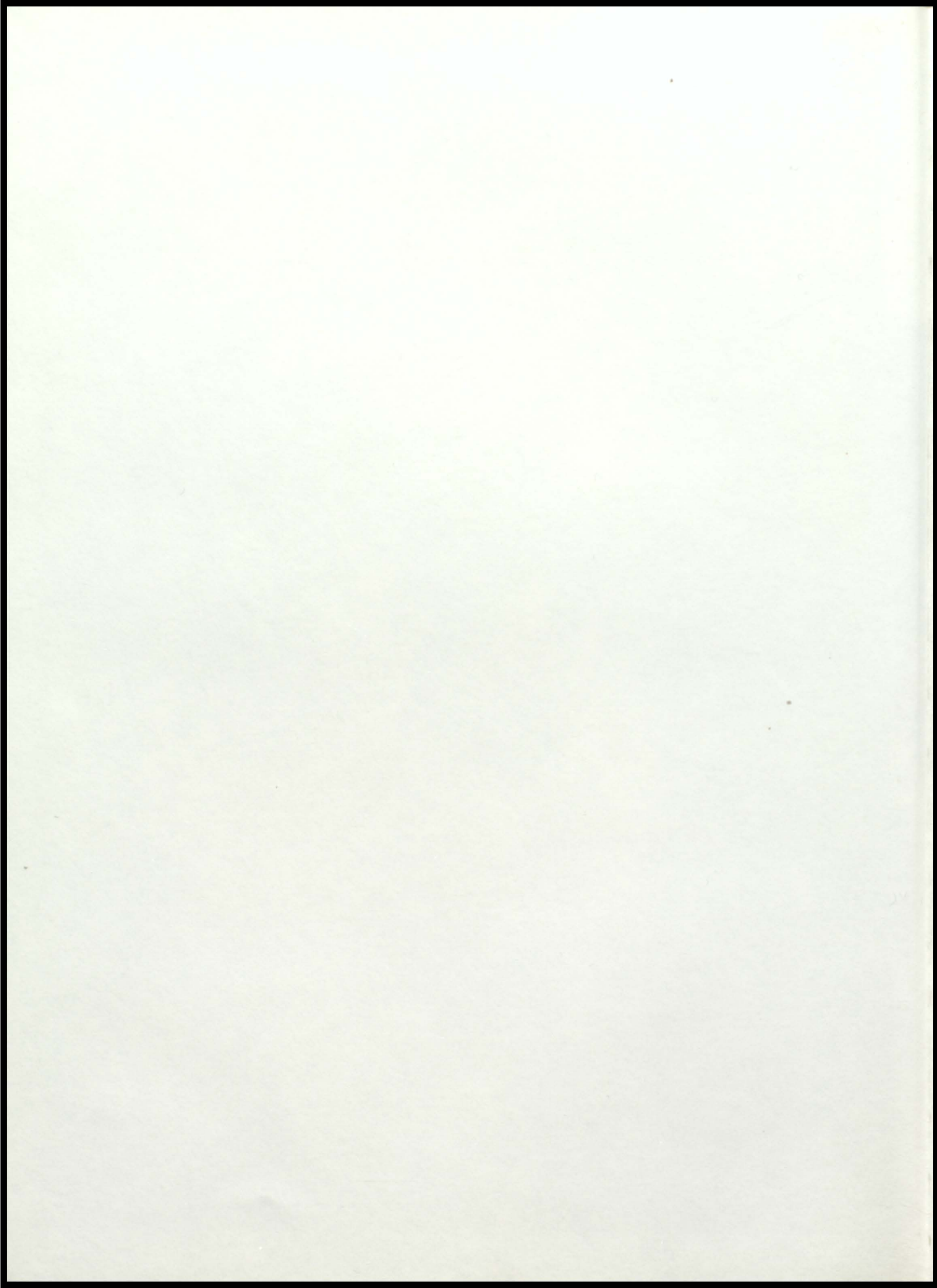
▲ BEYOND WALL STREET

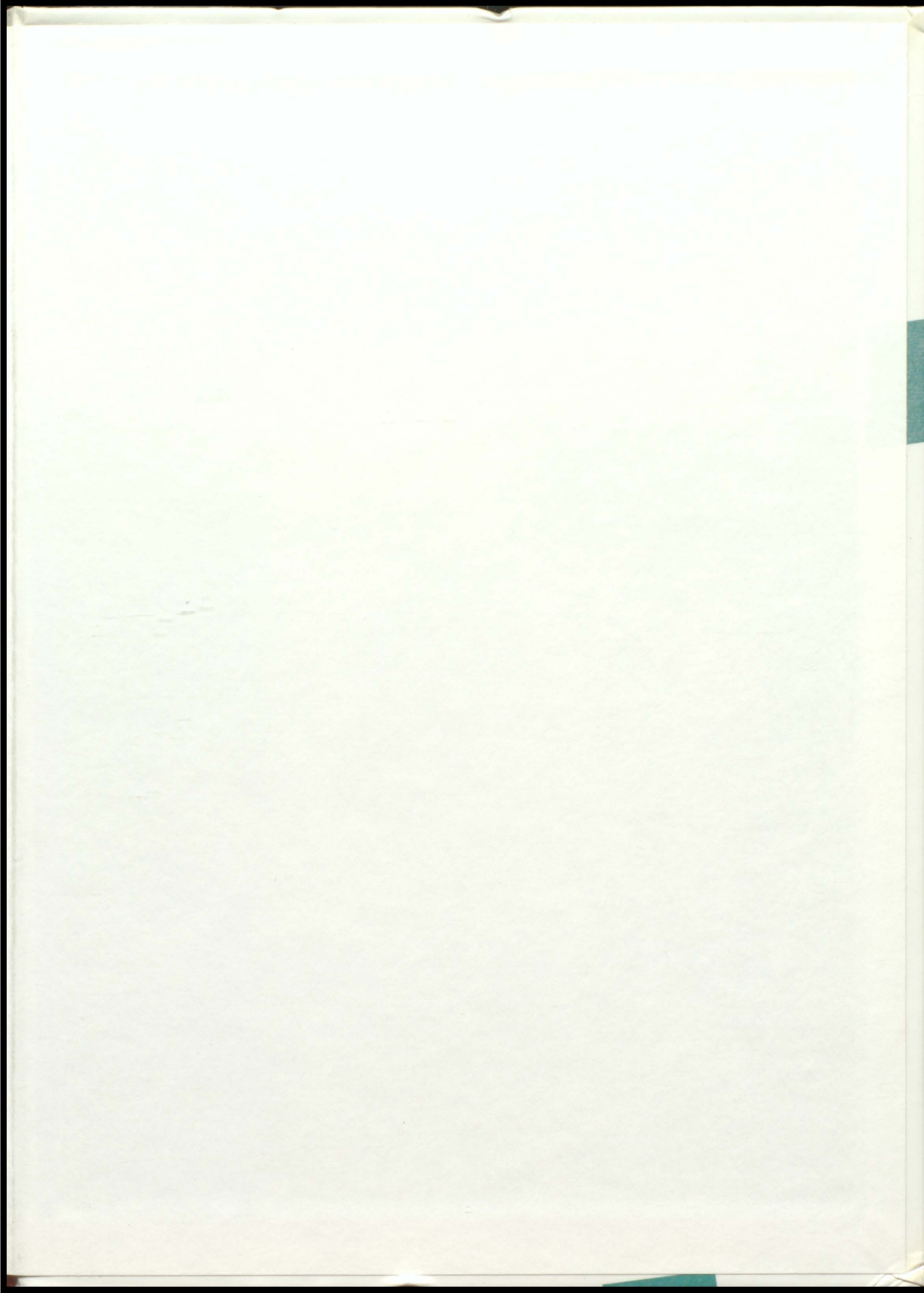
To protest corporate greed, thousands of people joined the Occupy Wall Street movement, which was organized in New York City and spread across the country. The group's members said they were trying to bring attention to the plight of the 99% of Americans against the richest 1%.

▲ CONTAMINATED CANTALOUPE

Thirty people died, and 146 became sick, from eating cantaloupe that contained the listeria bacteria, the Centers for Disease Control said. The cantaloupes, from a Colorado farm, were recalled from grocery stores in 28 states. The deaths occurred in 12 states.









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